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**[There is no reportable action as a result of the
Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]**

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: GOOD MORNING. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS DAY, THE 15TH OF JANUARY. OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS IS IN PLACE. OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS IN PLACE. THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS IN PLACE. THE C.E.O. IS IN PLACE. THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE HERE. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE HERE, THEREBY CONSTITUTING A QUORUM. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TODAY, BORN JANUARY THE -- [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE AS THE MORNING'S INVOCATOR, THE REVEREND WILLIAM TURNER, JR., INVITED BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. OUR PLEDGE VETERAN IS CHERYL SHAFFER, WHO IS INVITED TODAY BY THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, DON KNABE. WOULD YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE MORNING'S INVOCATION?

PASTOR WILLIAM TURNER, JR.: I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES. HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUE AND LET IT BE IN MY MOUTH. TO OUR SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY, THE CHAIRMAN, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF AND TO ALL OF US WHO ARE HERE TODAY, WE PRAY NOW FOR YOUR WILL TO BE DONE IN THE HEARTS AND



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MINDS OF THESE COUNTY LEADERS. WE THANK YOU FOR HAVING BROUGHT US THROUGH 2012. AND NOW WE ARE IN 2013. WE ASK FOR YOUR GRACE AND YOUR MERCY FOR THE GREAT NEEDS OF THIS STATE AND OF THIS COUNTRY, WE PRAY. WE PRAY FOR THE HOMELESS AND THE HUNGERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE STATE, SOME 630,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE. WE NEED YOUR GUIDANCE, WE NEED YOUR MERCY. AND WE PRAY NOW FOR THE NEEDS OF HOMELESSNESS AND JOBLESSNESS, THAT THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO FULFILL. BUT WITHOUT COOPERATION AND PROVISIONS, THEY ARE HELPLESS. SO WE PRAY THAT THE MEANS WILL BE MADE AND THAT EVERYONE WILL ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF AMERICA'S LIFESTYLE. WE ASK NOW FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND YOUR MERCY UPON THOSE WHO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES, THE STAFF PEOPLE WHO CARRY OUT DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITIES. SO IN THIS, WE PLACE OUR LIVES AND OUR FUTURE IN YOUR HAND, OUR GOD, AMEN.

CHERYL SHAFFER: PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: MR. CHAIRMAN, ONCE AGAIN IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME DR. WILLIAM TURNER TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO LEAD US IN THE PRAYER, THE OPENING PRAYER. DR. TURNER IS A GREAT



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LEADER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IN OUR STATE AND NATION, AND A PERSONAL FRIEND. HE WAS BORN IN TIMON, LOUISIANA AND MOVED TO PASADENA BACK IN 1962, WHERE HE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH, THE NEW REVELATION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. HE'S ALSO THE FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER OF PASADENA. THIS IS A VERY VIBRANT ORGANIZATION. HE ESTABLISHED IT, ESTABLISHING HOMELESS SHELTERS, DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS, AND VARIOUS MINISTRIES, AND GANG PREVENTION, ILLITERACY AND MENTAL HEALTH. THEY HAVE GROWN TO 120 EMPLOYEES, SERVING OVER 200 YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALTADENA, THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO DR. TURNER, PASTOR TURNER, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ONCE AGAIN, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO DR. SANDRA THOMAS, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE ALTADENA N.A.A.C.P., WHERE I AM A LIFE MEMBER, AND ARE QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY WITH THE PROGRAM BRIGHT SCHOLARS WHICH HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE ON TO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CHERYL SHAFFER WHO LIVES IN SAN PEDRO BUT SHE IS ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE CITY OF CARSON'S VETERANS COMMISSION. SHE SERVED



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IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1984 TO 2006 AS A MASTER SERGEANT WITH THE 705TH M.P. BATTALION. SHE HAS RECEIVED THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, AND IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL. WHILE IN THE MILITARY, THIS SWEET, WONDERFUL YOUNG LADY WAS A DRILL SERGEANT AND ALSO INSTRUCTED 12-PERSON SQUADS IN TRAINING INSTRUCTOR COURSE. SHE WAS ALSO HANDPICKED TO TRAIN CIVILIAN OFFICERS TO BE DRILL SERGEANTS, SET THE STANDARDS OF ROLE MODEL FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN INSTRUCTORS. SHE RECEIVED THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD CHALLENGE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. SHE IS CURRENTLY A PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT L.A. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE AND SHE HAS LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR OVER THREE YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, OF YOUR VERY VALUABLE PERSONAL TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. AND I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE, AS WELL, THAT SHE'S ACCEPTED MY INVITATION TO SERVE AS MY VETERANS COMMISSIONER. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED WITH THE CALLING OF THE AGENDA.



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SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2, PRESENTATION ON SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 22, 2013, AS A SET ITEM AT 1:30 P.M. ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013, AS A SET ITEM AT 1 P.M. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, AGAIN AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 22, 2013.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE ON THIS MATTER. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR KNABE



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AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, ITEM NO. 9 AND 10, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 36, ON ITEM NO. 13, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WITHOUT OBJECTION.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 15 AND 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013. ON



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ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28, 29 AND 30, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 31, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 22, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. 31. ON ITEM NO. 32, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013. AGAIN ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 33, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013. AGAIN, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 34, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ON PAGE 23, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM



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NO. 37, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2008 ELECTION, SERIES C, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$172 MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ON PAGE 24, DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 38 THROUGH 40. ON ITEM NO. 38, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ACTUALLY WE WILL HOLD ITEM NO. 38 AND 39 FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NO. 40, PLEASE NOTE AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP AT A SET ITEM AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. AND I WILL JUST READ THE SHORT TITLE IN NOW FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACH FEE TO CONSIDER ALL PROTESTS AGAINST THE FEE MADE BY OWNERS OF PARCELS UPON WHICH THE FEE IS PROPOSED FOR IMPOSITION. AGAIN THAT WILL BE A SET MATTER AT 11 O'CLOCK TODAY. THERE ARE NO MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD ASK TO GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 6 AND ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS



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ITEM.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ITEM NO. 6 PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS BEING HELD UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS. HEARING NONE, WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. WE WILL PROCEED IN ORDER AS INDICATED. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIR'S OFFICE, AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED TO ITEM -- SUPERVISORS 3, 4, 5, 1 AND THEN 2 IN THAT ORDER. WE HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL ONES, ONE THE BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WHO ARE HERE FOR THE KELLOGG INSTITUTE'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT KARA KARLISLE, DIRECTOR OF NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS FOR W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION AND ROBBY RODRIGUEZ, PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE KELLOGG FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS AND CONNIE WATSON, WHO CHAIRS THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, IF SHE WOULD COME FORWARD WITH THE SPECIAL GUESTS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL PARTS OF OUR NATION. THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRESENT CITIES



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WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. THEY COME FROM BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA. THEY COME FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THEY ARE FROM OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FROM DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, FROM DENVER, COLORADO. THEY ARE FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. AND I AM GOING TO ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO STAND SO WE COULD GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION. [APPLAUSE.] SOME OF YOU WILL KNOW THAT SOME 21 YEARS AGO, WE ESTABLISHED THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. AND IN 2011, THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED THE EFFICACY OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AS IT IS BEING EXPRESSED THROUGH THIS MODEL. AND THEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH THEM AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN AN EFFORT TO REALIZE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A TRAINING INSTITUTE THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE. AND SO THIS WEEK, EIGHT LOCAL PARTNERSHIP TEAMS HAVE JOINED US. AND THEY ARE HERE EAGER, READY TO PARTICIPATE, TO LEARN AND TO CONTRIBUTE IN A WAY THAT WE LEARN FROM THEM. IT BEGINS TODAY AND THERE'S NO MORE FITTING A VENUE FOR IT TO BEGIN IN THAN HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND SO THROUGHOUT THE WEEKS, TEAMS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR STAFF MEMBERS, NONPROFIT AGENCIES, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS WILL GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO BUILD SYSTEMS OF RECIPROCAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICY DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. AND



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AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRAINING, WE WILL HAVE THEM PARTICIPATE WITH US AT THE 21ST ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SUMMIT THIS COMING SATURDAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEREFORE, WE WILL, IN FACT, ENCOURAGE THEM TO FIGHT ON. AND SO WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SAY TO THEM THANK YOU FOR THEIR PRESENCE AND THEIR PARTICIPATION. THIS IS AN ONGOING EFFORT. AND WE WOULD ASK NOW THAT WE HAVE TWO PERSONS REPRESENTING THE GROUP COME TO SPEAK TO US. FIRST WE'RE GOING TO HAVE KARA KARLISLE, DIRECTOR OF NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS, REPRESENTING THE KELLOGG FOUNDATION, FOLLOWED BY CONNIE WATSON, ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS AND LEADERS OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. KARA? [APPLAUSE.]

KARA KARLISLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND SUPERVISORS HERE ACROSS LOS ANGELES. IT'S OFTENTIMES DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE IN A PLACE AND IN YOUR OWN HOMETOWN TO UNDERSTAND HOW INNOVATIVE AND HOW POWERFUL SOMETHING THAT SEEMS SO MUCH A PART OF DAILY LIFE CAN BE WHEN YOU LOOK ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AS A NATIONAL FOUNDATION INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE AND TO REALLY FOCUS ON THE DISPARITIES AROUND RACE AND ETHNICITY AND CLASS AS A PART OF THAT CHANGE SOLUTION, WHEN WE LOOKED ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO LOOK AT MODELS FOR EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY CHANGE, WE FOUND OURSELVES DRAWN TO LOS ANGELES AND THE WORK THAT MANY OF THE FOLKS HERE IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN PART OF



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OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, MANY OF YOU, PERHAPS. AND WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING OTHER FOLKS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY HERE TO THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT KIND OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNANCE BODIES LIKE THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THE STATE, THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE WISDOM, INSIGHTS, AND VISION FOR THE LIFE OF THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES CAN BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF TRUST THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DESCRIBED AS THE BELOVED COMMUNITY DRIVEN BY VALUES OF JUSTICE, EQUITY, LOVE AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AND SO AS A MEMBER OF THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION, I'M SO PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE HERE RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THE PAST 21 YEARS WITH THE HOPE THAT MANY OF THE LEADERS WHO HAVE COME HERE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE INSPIRED BY A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF GOVERNANCE, PARTNERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY AND CHANGE THAT WILL FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE CULTURE OF ENGAGEMENT AND THE LIVES OF CHILDREN TO COME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

CONNIE WATSON: GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION FOR ITS FORWARD THINKING IN SUPPORTING AN EFFORT LIKE THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. YOU IN THIS ROOM EMBODY WHAT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS STRIVES TO ACHIEVE. YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE PART IN YOUR POLITICAL REPRESENTATION. YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SEE CHANGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU



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KNOW THAT YOU CAN HOLD YOUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE. AND THAT'S WHAT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS IS ALL ABOUT. SO WE THANK YOU, AS WELL. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MARTIN?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONCE AGAIN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL OF OUR GUESTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO ARE HERE TO SEE HOW WE DO IT. [APPLAUSE.] WELL, THIS IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF PRESENTATION, ONE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY, AS WELL. THIS REPRESENTS THE BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS. AND ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE FIVE SCHOOLS RECEIVING AN AWARD TODAY FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS COMPETITION. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS -- THE BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS IS A COUNTY-WIDE COMPETITION DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE LEAVING SCHOOL CAMPUSES ON A WEEKLY BASIS. AS A PART OF A COMPETITION, STUDENTS CONDUCTED A WASTE AUDIT BY EXAMINING CAFETERIAS, CLASSROOMS, SCHOOL GROUNDS AND EXERCISE AREAS AND ANALYZED THE IMPACT OF POLLUTION ON THEIR SCHOOL CAMPUSES. THE STUDENTS THEN IDENTIFIED HOW THEY COULD REDUCE WASTE AND IMPLEMENTED THE SOURCE REDUCTION TECHNIQUES SUCH AS RECYCLING. AND THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS, THE AWARD RECIPIENTS TODAY, THESE FIVE SCHOOLS,



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CUMULATIVELY DIVERTED MORE THAN 68 -- I DID SAY 68,000 POUNDS OF WASTE FROM THEIR SCHOOL CAMPUSES OVER A THREE-MONTH PERIOD. 68,000. [APPLAUSE.] IT IS COUNTY-SPONSORED PROGRAMS LIKE GENERATION EARTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT PROVIDED STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR ACTIONS AND HOW THEIR ACTIONS DO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE STUDENTS ARE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. AND THEY WILL HELP US ACHIEVE SOURCE REDUCTION AND STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION IN THE VERY NEAR TERM. SO WE THANK EACH OF YOU, THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE HERE WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON YOUR RESPECTIVE CAMPUSES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONTRIBUTING TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. AND I'D LIKE TO START WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND TO ESSENTIALLY SAY THAT IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THE JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL COULD NOT JOIN US THIS MORNING. BUT THE WINNER FROM JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IS STEVE HOWE AND MARY DODSON OF GENERATION EARTH PROGRAM. WE GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, KNOWN AS THE DEMOCRATS, HAS A DIVERSE RECYCLING PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARDS, BOTTLES AND ALUMINUM CANS. THE STUDENTS ALSO IDENTIFY STYROFOAM AS A MAJOR WASTE STREAM CONTRIBUTOR AND WORKED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF SANITATION TO COLLECT STYROFOAM TRAYS IN A SEPARATE RECYCLING



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BIN. ALSO, THE SCHOOL HAS AN ACTIVE COMPOSTING PROGRAM THAT USES CAMPUS FOOD WASTE FOR THEIR GARDENS AND FRUIT ORCHARD. AND SO JEFF HAS DIVERTED 3.2 POUNDS PER STUDENT OF MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD, BOTTLES AND THE LIKE AND SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY TO STEVE AND MARY, THANK YOU. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ADVOCATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. MOLINA: GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TODAY UNDER THE BATTLE OF SCHOOLS TO THE ESTEBAN E. TORRES HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES. WHAT'S FASCINATING ABOUT THIS OF COURSE IS THAT THE ESTEBAN E. TORRES HIGH SCHOOL IS PROBABLY THE NEWEST HIGH SCHOOL BUILT IN THE LAST 60, MAYBE 70 YEARS IN THE EAST SIDE. I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE PRESENTING THEM AN AWARD SO EARLY. SO I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU I AM VERY PROUD OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING HERE AT OUR SCHOOL. I APOLOGIZE, THIS MICROPHONE. FIRST OF ALL JOINING ME IS ITS PRINCIPAL, DEBRA THOMPSON. I WANT TO THANK HER FOR JOINING US AS WELL AS THE TEACHER, APHRODITA FUENTES. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. AND THE STUDENTS AS WELL, JASMINE CASTANEDA, DIANA COREA, JOYCELYN FAVELA, MATEO SALGADO AND DIANA SAMORA. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUR FIRST DISTRICT WINNERS OF THE HUMANITAS ACADEMY OF ART AND TECHNOLOGY AT



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ESTEBAN E. TORRES HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WAS THE ACADEMY'S FIRST YEAR IN THE COMPETITION AND THEY SUCCEEDED, AS WE CAN SEE, BY FLYING COLORS. AND THEIR INTRODUCTION ON THIS, IT CREATED AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ON CAMPUS AND A RECYCLING CAMPAIGN WAS ESTABLISHED FOR CANS, BOTTLES AND MIXED PAPER. AND THE STUDENTS ALSO PLANNED AND PROMOTED THE ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP THAT BENEFITED THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THESE DEDICATED KIDS ARE VERY EAGER TO EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS AND THEIR STELLAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND THEY CERTAINLY DESERVE OUR RECOGNITION. SO WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN APPLAUDING THESE TRULY AMAZING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERSHIP, AS WELL? [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM. AND IF THEY'LL COME UP AND JOIN ME, I'M HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH THIS MICROPHONE, WOULD YOU HOLD IT FOR ME? THANK YOU. IF THEY WOULD COME UP, I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. I KNOW THAT AT THE HIGH SCHOOLS, THEY HAVE THIS HALLWAY WHERE THEY PUT ALL OF THESE GREAT DEDICATED KIND OF SCROLLS UP. SO IT'S VERY NICE THAT ALL OF YOU CONTRIBUTED. PROBABLY ONE OF THE VERY FIRST THAT YOU HAVE UP THERE. SO CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND YOUR WORK TO ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: TODAY WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME FOR THE SECOND



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TIME SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY WERE ALSO A RECIPIENT LAST YEAR. WITH THEM IS THEIR TEACHER, MR. CLARENCE ATWATER. DURING THE COMPETITION, THE STUDENTS HOSTED AN ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT WHICH HAS GROWN ANNUALLY, AN EVENT THAT THE COMMUNITY NOW LOOKS FORWARD TO SUPPORTING EACH YEAR. AND AS I SAID, LAST YEAR, THEY WON THE AWARD. AND ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR, THEY ARE A TWO-TIME WINNER. I JUST TOLD THEM, THEY WIN IT A THIRD TIME, THEY GET A TOASTER. SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DIVERTED 21.78 POUNDS PER STUDENT OF BOTTLES, ALUMINUM CANS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE. AND THIS JUST SHOWS YOU WHAT A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE CAN DO TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATE THEIR COMMUNITY. AND SO ONCE AGAIN, TO SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, CONGRATULATIONS, AND WE GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN PACIFIC PALISADES, 2011-12 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS WASTE REDUCTION COMPETITION FROM OUR THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IT'S PRESENTED TO PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EFFORT IN



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REDUCING WASTE, RECYCLING AND DIVERTING MATERIALS FROM LOCAL LANDFILLS DURING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2012 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS COMPETITION. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. THEY DO A LOT OF GREAT THINGS AND IT'S A GREAT SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU, AND TO THE SCHOOLS, TO ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST. I HAVE THE HONOR OF PRESENTING THIS TO HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, THE ONLY THREE-PEATER HERE TODAY. THREE YEARS IN A ROW. HOW'S THAT, HUH? [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE WITH US TODAY REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL KATHY PROCOPIO AND KIM PETERSON, AS WELL AS STUDENTS KIMBERLY AMAYA, ERIC ESTRADA, CASSIDY HUNT, ANTONIO JORGENSEN, AND ALLISON YANG. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS WON THE LAST TWO YEARS AS I MENTIONED, AND NOW COMPLETING THEIR THREE-PEAT, THEY WILL CLEARLY BE A FRONT RUNNER, THEY'RE COMMITTED TO BEING FOUR IN A ROW NEXT YEAR. EACH YEAR, HUGHES HAS INCORPORATED LARGER AND MORE INNOVATIVE PROJECTS ON THEIR CAMPUS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THEY CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PROMOTING ALL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPING, BUILDING AND MONITORING THEIR CAMPUS RECYCLING PROGRAM. HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVERTED 26.23 POUNDS PER STUDENT OF CARDBOARD, MIXED PAPER, SHREDDED PAPER, BOTTLES, ALUMINUM CANS, WOOD WASTE,



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CLOTHING, FOOD WASTE, PLANT MATERIALS, GRASS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR THREE-PEAT AND GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEMS, WHICH ARE THE ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL. AND WE BEGIN WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM OF SAN FERNANDO, WHO HAS RECEIVED A GREAT HONOR RECENTLY. THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM IS A QUALITY APPRENTICE PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER MUSIC MASTERS WITH UNDERSERVED YOUTH IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE FOCUSING ON ADVANCED AND BEGINNER INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTION, ARRANGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS. INSTRUCTION IS ON TRADITIONAL MARIACHI INSTRUMENTS: VIOLINS, GUITARS, GUITARRONES, VIHUELAS, TRUMPETS AND FOLK HARP. THE CURRICULUM IS EMPOWERING, INSTILLING SELF-CONFIDENCE, PRIDE AND IDENTITY WHILE PROVIDING AN OUTLET FOR CULTURAL EXPRESSION CELEBRATING THE MEXICAN HERITAGE THAT REPRESENTS RESIDENTS IN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. ESTABLISHED IN 2001 BY THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED BY NATI CANO, FOUNDER OF



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THE WORLD-RENOWNED MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS, AND VIRGINIA DIEDIKER, THE CULTURAL ARTS SUPERVISOR AT SAN FERNANDO PARK. ON NOVEMBER 19, 2012, FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM WITH THE 2012 NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR AWARDED TO AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES. CHOSEN FROM A POOL OF MORE THAN 350 NOMINATIONS AND 50 FINALISTS THEY RECEIVED THE AWARD IN A CEREMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE WITH US TODAY THE STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY AND WHO SHOWCASED THE TALENTS OF ADVANCED STUDENTS FROM THE AWARD-WINNING AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM. AND I THINK OUR MARIACHIS ARE HERE. AND BEFORE I MAKE THE PRESENTATION, I THINK THEY WERE GOING TO GRACE US WITH A SAMPLE OF WHAT GOT THEM THIS HIGH HONOR. SO TAKE IT AWAY. [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL THE PRIDE OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND ITS ENVIRONS. THIS IS A GREAT MARIACHI GROUP THAT HAS ENTERTAINED IN SAN FERNANDO PARK AND SOME OF THE OTHER PARKS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. SO WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF YOU. AND I THINK WE GET A LITTLE TASTE OF WHY MICHELLE OBAMA HAD GOOD JUDGMENT. SO WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY THE MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, SYLVIA BALLIN, WHO IS WITH US. AND THIS, AS I



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SAID EARLIER, WAS A PROGRAM THAT STARTED IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO BY THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. AND WE'RE VERY, VERY HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE, MAYOR PRO TEM. I WANT TO PRESENT THESE CERTIFICATES. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE SAN FERNANDO MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? IF YOU ALL WILL COME UP HERE, THE MUSICIANS, AND JOIN US BACK HERE SO YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS PRESENTATION, I KNOW THAT WASN'T THE PLAN. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE ALL DYING TO HAVE A PICTURE WITH ME. [LAUGHTER.] THIS IS A PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE GREAT HONOR YOU HAD GOING TO THE WHITE HOUSE BUT REALLY MORE THAN THAT FOR THE GREAT MUSICIANSHIP AND THE TRADITION AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE YOU BRING TO ALL OF US ALL YEAR ROUND IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SO CONGRATULATIONS. LET ME GIVE THIS TO YOU. NEXT, I WANT TO MAKE SOME INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS TO VIRGINIA DIEDIKER, WHO IS I GUESS THE FOUNDER OF THIS, MORE OR LESS, OF THIS. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN YOUR HOME LAST SUMMER, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT YOU GAVE ME A TOUR OF THE COSTUME WAREHOUSE. AND ONE OF THE GREAT -- THE RICHEST COLLECTION OF MARIACHI COSTUMES THAT YOU WILL EVER SEE ANYWHERE. ONCE YOU DECIDE TO GO OUT OF THIS BUSINESS, YOU OUGHT TO DECLARE THAT A NATIONAL HISTORICAL MONUMENT SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN SEE THE GREAT INTRICATE WORK THAT GOES INTO MAKING THESE COSTUMES. AND THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL. SO, VIRGINIA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT



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YOU DO. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD IN A MINUTE. SERGIO ALONZO, SERGIO? JIMMY COYAR? JESUS GUZMAN? AND JUAN JIMENEZ. GIVE THEM ALL A GREAT HAND. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THIS TOGETHER. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME ASK VIRGINIA TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP AND IF ANYBODY ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD. SO ALL YOURS.

VIRGINIA DIEDIKER: I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO OUR HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY WHO REPRESENTS OUR DISTRICT. THIS PROGRAM WAS ACTUALLY STARTED AS AN EXPERIMENT. AND WITH THE VISION OF MR. NATI CANO AND MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS, WE'RE VERY PROUD AS A CITY THAT WE HAVE THIS CALIBER OF MUSICIANSHIP TEACHING OUR YOUTH. YOUTH ARTS EDUCATION IS SO VERY IMPORTANT. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL COMMUNITIES. IT STRENGTHENS THE COMMUNITY, THE CORE OF THE COMMUNITY. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE PRODUCING SOME FANTASTIC YOUTH. [APPLAUSE.] THAT ARE -- SOME GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE VIBRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU. THE MENTORS, THE ORGANIZERS, AND ABOVE ALL THE MUSICIANS THEMSELVES WHO HAVE GIVEN US A GOOD START TO WHAT IS GOING TO BE A GREAT DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. [APPLAUSE.]



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: WELL MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS IS A TIME WHEN WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SPENT 31 YEARS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO WAS A DEPUTY IN MY OFFICE WHO IS RETIRING WHO BEGAN HER CAREER BACK IN 1965 IN THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, AS A TYPIST-CLERK. SHE WORKED THERE FOR FIVE MONTHS AND THEN MOVED ON TO SUPERVISOR FRANK BONELLI'S, WHO WAS REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT AT THAT TIME. AND SHE WAS THEN PROMOTED THROUGH THE SECRETARIAL RANKS, TAKING COLLEGE COURSES AT NIGHT, SERVED AS A PRESS DEPUTY SECRETARY UNTIL SUPERVISOR BONELLI PASSED AWAY IN 1972. WHEN SUPERVISOR SCHABARUM WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO REPLACE SUPERVISOR BONELLI, ALETA WENT ON THE SUPERVISOR'S STAFF AND SHE ATTAINED THE RANK OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BEFORE LEAVING COUNTY SERVICE TO GO HOME AND BE A STAY-AT-HOME MOM TO RAISE HER TWO CHILDREN, RAYMOND AND DANIA. GOT IT RIGHT HERE. SHE THEN WENT BACK TO COLLEGE AND COMPLETED HER DEGREE, WORKED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR SIX YEARS AND



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THEN BACK IN 1996 AS SHE WENT TO MY SAN DIMAS OFFICE WHERE SHE WORKED, AND THEN IN 2002, BECAME A DEPUTY IN MY DOWNTOWN OFFICE WHERE SHE SERVE AS THE LIAISON TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER, COUNTY CLERK AND SUPERVISED THE INTERNS AND FRONT OFFICE STAFF. SO SHE'S HAD THREE DECADES OF SERVICE. SHE'S REALLY BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD BECAUSE SHE UNDERSTANDS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE AND SHE'S HELPED MANY OF THE CONSTITUENTS NOT JUST IN OUR DISTRICT BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WITH THEIR PROBLEMS WHEN THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE RECORDER'S OFFICE. SO ALETA, THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS. WISH YOU CONTINUE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL 31 YEARS IN RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MIKE, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS AN HONOR AND A SURPRISE I WISH TO HAVE AVOIDED. NEVERTHELESS, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. I STARTED TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY IN 1965 WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. NOW THE BUILDING AND I ARE BOTH SHOWING OUR AGE. [LAUGHTER.] THE FOLLOWING MONTH, THE WATTS RIOTS TOOK PLACE AND I WAS BEING TRANSPORTED BY PUBLIC BUS. SO I HAVE LOTS OF MEMORIES I'VE MADE OVER THE LAST ALMOST 50 YEARS. AND THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE HAS BECOME MY EXTENDED FAMILY. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU. BUT I'M GOING TO ENJOY RETIREMENT. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE



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FOR ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES WHO'S WORKED SO HARD FOR SO LONG.

[APPLAUSE.] AND DOING SUCH FABULOUS WORK. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: WELL, TIM BISSELL HERE IS ANOTHER ONE OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS IN THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFICE. HE BEGAN BACK IN 1976 AS AN INVESTIGATOR AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR. SINCE THE DAY THE DEPARTMENT OPENED ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC, HE'S BEEN AN ADVOCATE AND A CHAMPION FOR A FAIR, VIBRANT MARKETPLACE, SHAPING THE WAY FOR THE DEPARTMENT WHO SERVES OUR CONSUMERS, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY TODAY. THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP AND VISION, TIM EXPANDED THE STAFFING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO SERVE MORE THAN 1 MILLION CONSUMERS ANNUALLY. DURING HIS TENURE, THE DEPARTMENT BECAME THE PREMIER LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. AND THEY'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVOCATES. THIS COMMITMENT TO CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION HELPED LAUNCH THE COUNTY'S PLAIN LANGUAGE INITIATIVE, WHICH IMPROVED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH CONSUMERS IN L.A. COUNTY. PERHAPS WE SHOULD HAVE HIM RETIRE TO I.R.S. AND HELP THEM WRITE A DOCUMENT IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, AS WELL. ANYWAY, TIM, CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU ALL OF THESE YEARS. [APPLAUSE.]



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WOULD THAT BE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BEHAVING THAT WAY? OH MY GOD.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: TIM, SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN OUR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN IS GOING TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS.

TIM BISSELL: WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I AM REALLY TRULY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION FROM THE BOARD. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ALL THESE YEARS AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND PARTICULARLY HOMEOWNERS. IF IT WASN'T FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD PROGRAM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE HOMEOWNER NOTIFICATION PROGRAM. YOU'VE REALLY DONE A LOT TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS AND FIGHT REAL ESTATE FRAUD, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I THANK ALL OF THE BOARD FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE ALL THESE YEARS WITH US TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS AND TO PROTECT CONSUMERS. ON THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER ARE THE WORDS THAT THIS COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON, FREE ENTERPRISE, PROTECT IT AND PRESERVE IT. I THINK WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE RECENT FINANCIAL MELTDOWN AND THE GREAT RECESSION IS THAT WHEN CONSUMERS AREN'T PROTECTED, MARKETS AREN'T PROTECTED. WHEN CONSUMERS ARE AT RISK, MARKETS ARE AT RISK, TOO. WE CANNOT PROTECT FREE ENTERPRISE UNLESS WE PROTECT CONSUMERS. I COMMEND THE BOARD FOR CREATING THIS DEPARTMENT 36



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YEARS AGO, AND EACH MEMBER OF THIS BOARD FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE CONSUMERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND THE INTEGRITY OF OUR MARKETPLACE. WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT. I DON'T THINK ANYONE COULD HAVE IMAGINED 36 YEARS AGO WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OPENED WITH LESS THAN A DOZEN STAFF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE TODAY. OUR SUCCESS IS THE RESULT OF THE OUTSTANDING STAFF AT D.C.A. AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK THAT THEY DO. AND I WOULD LIKE THE STAFF AT D.C.A. TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. THIS IS A TERRIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT DOES SO MUCH EVERY DAY TO HELP SO MANY PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU. TODAY WE HAVE 50 PAID STAFF AND MORE THAN 70 VOLUNTEERS WHO COUNSEL OVER 300,000 CONSUMERS EACH YEAR. THEY INVESTIGATE MORE THAN 4,000 CONSUMER COMPLAINTS AND MAKE OVER 100 PRESENTATIONS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS. THE WEBSITE HAS MORE THAN 800,000 VISITORS EACH YEAR. BECAUSE OF THE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OF THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE, FAMILIES REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. AUTOMOBILES ARE RETURNED. IDENTITY AND CREDIT RATINGS ARE RESTORED. MERCHANDISE IS EXCHANGED. GOODS ARE REPAIRED. CONTRACTS ARE HONORED. MONEY IS REFUNDED. AND TRUST IN EACH OTHER AND OUR MARKETPLACE IS UPHELD. IT'S A TRUE HONOR TO WORK WITH SUCH A GREAT STAFF. I WANT TO THANK PASTOR HERRERA WHO I WORKED WITH FOR 33 YEARS. HE WAS A GREAT DIRECTOR, A GREAT COLLEAGUE AND REMAINS A DEAR FRIEND. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVELYN STEIN, WHO WAS A COLLEAGUE FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. SHE WAS



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INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING THE SMALL CLAIMS ADVISORY PROGRAM, THE MEDIATION PROGRAM AND I THANK YOU, EVELYN, FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SHIRLEY GOLDINGER WHO SERVED AS OUR FIRST DIRECTOR AND WAS REALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING THE DEPARTMENT. SHE IS NO LONGER WITH US, BUT I THINK SHE'D BE REALLY PROUD OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE WORK THAT IT DOES TODAY. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY, WHO'S HERE TODAY, CYNTHIA ENDO, MY PARTNER, MY PARTNER IN LIFE AND LOVE, THANK YOU, CYNTHIA, FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.] MY SON JACK BISSELL, THANK YOU, JACK. YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, A GOOD SON. AND MY DAUGHTER, CATHERINE BRYAN IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE'S AT WORK TODAY IN HER OFFICE AT THE CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA. AND SHE'S WATCHING US ON THE INTERNET. AND, KATIE, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. FOR ABOUT A DOZEN YEARS, OUR HOUSEHOLD WAS ME AND JACK AND KATIE. AND KATIE, YOU DID SO MUCH TO MAKE OUR APARTMENT A HOME. AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY BROTHER, JEFF BISSELL, HE IS A SAILOR, HE'S OUT ON THE HIGH SEAS RIGHT NOW. AND THANK YOU, BROTHER, FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. AND I WANT TO THANK BRIAN STIGER, OUR DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. BRIAN HAS BEEN WITH US A LITTLE OVER A YEAR NOW AND IS JUST DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN LEADING OUR DEPARTMENT INTO A NEW ERA. SO, BRIAN, THANK YOU. SO I THANK THE COUNTY FOR REALLY, FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. IT'S REALLY BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE AND TO WORK WITH



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THIS BOARD. AND I REALLY THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING ME AND OUR DEPARTMENT TODAY. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

BRIAN STIGER: SO ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, I REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE TIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT. THE DEPARTMENT REALLY APPRECIATES THE GOOD WORK THAT HE HAS PROVIDED TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND YOU CAN TELL THAT HE REALLY EXEMPLIFIES WHAT A PUBLIC SERVANT IS ALL ABOUT. SO, TIM, WE WISH YOU GOOD LUCK, LONG LIFE, GOOD HEALTH. AND ALSO WANT TO THANK HIS FAMILY FOR LETTING US BORROW TIM FOR A FEW YEARS. THANK YOU, TIM. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: AGAIN ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE IS IN ORDER FOR TIM BECAUSE CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS UNCHAINED OVER THERE. GIVE HIM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I'LL TELL YOU, THEY ARE UNCORKED. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DR. JEANNE MARIE WALLACE, WHO WAS NAMED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AS ONE OF THE TOP PHYSICIANS IN THE FIELD OF SLEEP MEDICINE. SHE IS CERTIFIED IN INTERNAL MEDICINE, CRITICAL CARE, AND SLEEP MEDICINE AND HAS WORKED AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER SINCE 1986. IN HER CAPACITY AS A MULTI-BOARD CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST SHE APPLIED HER SKILLS AND TRAINING TO ENSURE THAT



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RESIDENTS SEEKING CARE AT OLIVE VIEW HAVE ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE SERVICES. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND OVERSEEING OUR OLIVE VIEW CENTER'S SLEEP MEDICINE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CRITICALLY NEEDED TREATMENT AND RESEARCH FOR SLEEP DISORDERS, INCLUDING THE LIFE-THREATENING CONSEQUENCES OF MANY OF THESE DISEASES. SHE'S RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S AND MEDICAL DEGREES AND MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES. SO CONGRATULATIONS, DOCTOR. AND HERE ALSO TO ACCEPT THE AWARD IS DR. ANISH MAHAJAN, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEMS PLANNING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.]

DR. JEANNE WALLACE: WELL I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR SLEEP MEDICINE PROGRAM AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER AND ALSO FOR UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP MEDICINE TO THE PERSONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANTED TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE RESPIRATORY CARE DEPARTMENT AT OLIVE VIEW, WHO HAS JUST DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO ADVANCE THE PROGRAM AT OLIVE VIEW. AND TWO OF OUR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS THAT ARE HERE, ARNOLD PENGANAMEN WHO IS TAKING PICTURES AND ALSO JIM PRATT, WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 12-WEEK OLD TERRIER MIX NAMED CHASE. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO THIS IS LITTLE



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CHASE. HAS LITTLE WHISKERS. SO ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE CHASE, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644, OR SOMEBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LITTLE CHASE TO BRING LOVE AND CARE IN THEIR HOME. MAYBE TO COLORADO. SO THANK YOU. THIS IS LITTLE CHASE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, AND TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS TODAY. I CONCLUDE WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. AS WE ASK BOTH VINCENT KIM AND SANG WON PARK IF THEY WOULD COME AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. TODAY WE HONOR THE FIRST WAVE OF IMMIGRANTS FROM KOREA BY DECLARING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ON JANUARY THE 13TH, 1903, THE S.S. GAELIC ARRIVED IN HAWAII CARRYING 103 BRAVE SOULS FROM KOREA AND THUS MAKING THE START OF KOREAN AMERICAN HISTORY. THESE WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN HAD VENTURED ACROSS THE PACIFIC IN PURSUIT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AND FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES. ACCORDING TO THE 2010 CENSUS, THERE ARE 1.6 MILLION KOREANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST KOREAN AMERICAN POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES. THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY LOOKS TOWARD THE NEXT CENTURY AND CONTINUES TO INSTILL THEIR ROOTS IN THEIR YOUTH, REVERENCE FOR COURAGE AND PRIDE IN THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE. THEREFORE IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN HONOR OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY AND WE



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WISH TO PRESENT IT TO SANG WON PARK AND WITH RESPECT FOR THE TRADITION OF WHICH YOU ARE A PART AND THE NOBILITY THAT IS ATTACHED TO YOUR LONG COURAGEOUS STAND AS A PART OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

SANG WON PARK: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY HAVING A PROCLAMATION IN THIS FLOOR. ESPECIALLY THANKS TO THOMAS RIDLEY, JR. GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY AS A CHAIRPERSON AND ALSO ALL THE SUPERVISOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. KOREAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION IS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY IN 2004. SO SINCE 2004, ACTUALLY THIS YEAR MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY, MADE THE RESOLUTION THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE. ALSO, YEAR 2005, NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE SENATE RECOGNIZED KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. ALSO THEY PASSED THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY RESOLUTION. SO THIS YEAR IS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE KOREAN AMERICANS AS 110TH OF FIRST KOREANS ARRIVED IN HAWAII AND ALSO 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSED RESOLUTION OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CONGRESS AND THE SENATE. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO HAVING A PROCLAMATION OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ONCE AGAIN WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE. AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE BREADTH OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ITS PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING FROM THE FIRST THROUGH THE FIFTH DISTRICTS. THIS IS THE MOST CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITY IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS DATA. AND HERE IN THIS COUNTY WE CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY AS AN ASSET. AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT, YOU OUGHT TO GIVE YOURSELVES A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT AS A PART OF OUR EXPERIENCE. [APPLAUSE.] MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE SET ITEM. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON OTHER ITEMS. YOU MAY WISH TO CALL THEM UP RIGHT NOW.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. I HAVE FIVE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. WE BEGIN WITH ROBIN MITCHELL. AND AS I CALL YOUR NAMES, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD WITH IMMEDIACY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROBIN MITCHELL. CHUCK TAYLOR. ANTONIA RAMIREZ. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL IN THAT ORDER. MR. PREVEN, PLEASE PROCEED. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW, SIR. THANK YOU.

ERIC PREVEN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN



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AND I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. IT IS VERY, VERY EXCITING, OBVIOUSLY, FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE SO MANY PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S MEETING. THAT IS VERY ATYPICAL AND WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING THE REPORT ON ITEM 40 LATER AND THEN FROM THE CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE COME DOWN TO MAKE THEIR VOICES KNOWN ON THAT. I WANT TO SAY ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KOREAN FOUNDATION WHO JUST GOT AN AWARD A MOMENT AGO. THIS IS A VERY PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS RECENTLY SENT SUPERVISOR KNABE OVER TO SOUTH KOREA ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION. AND THAT MUST HAVE GONE VERY, VERY WELL. WE DIDN'T GET MANY OF THE DETAILS, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THEM. AND ONCE AGAIN ON KOREAN- AMERICAN DAY, IT'S SO EXCITING TO AWARD THIS GROUP FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. AND THEN WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR POSSIBLY A THIRD OR ANOTHER DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION COULD GET THE AWARD ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE LARGE POPULATION THAT WE DO CHERISH. AND ONE FINAL COMMENT ON THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE ERIN POCK WHO IS A GREAT KOREAN-AMERICAN WHO RUNS A HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY BOTH PARTICIPATE IN. IT'S A VERY EFFECTIVE GROUP. SHE'S ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION AT LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL OVER THERE. AND ONE OF THE CONCERNS WAS THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE ALSO VERY PRODIGIOUS FUNDRAISERS. AND THE L.A. TIMES HAS COME FORWARD AND ASKED THAT SHE STEP DOWN. I'VE ASKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO INFORM MR. WESSON OF THE PUBLIC'S CONCERNS THERE. NO



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DISRESPECT TO MS. POCK, WHO IS AN EXCELLENT, AS I SAY, PERSON AND MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. IT'S JUST THAT THAT'S A TEENY BIT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. TODAY'S ITEMS, A LOT OF THEM HAVE BEEN CONTINUED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS. THE ONE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS ON THE TELEPHONE ABOUT NOW HAS TO DO WITH THE JAIL ITEM. BECAUSE WE ARE WAITING, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, FOR THIS BOARD TO GET WITH THEIR FIRM, THEY HAVE A LITTLE FIRM WHO THEY WILL BE MEETING WITH LATER BACK STAGE TO FIND AN OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. NOW THIS OF COURSE IS A VERY BIG PROJECT BECAUSE IT HAS TO DO OUR JAILS AND THE JAIL VIOLENCE. AND WE DID, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, HAVE A CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE THAT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE SHERIFF HAS ADOPTED ALL OF THEM. IT'S JUST THAT WE'RE TRYING TO BENCHMARK APPROPRIATELY. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS ALSO INTERESTED IN MORE CREDIBLE REPORTS FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL ALSO BE PUNTED UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH. BUT WE ARE CERTAINLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. ON ITEM NO. 38, I BELIEVE IT IS, WE ARE GOING TO BE REDEFINING WHAT AN "N-3" IS. AND I WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE THIS ITEM IS A DISCUSSION ITEM, AND N-3 HAS TO DO WITH PROBATION. IT MEANS NON, NON, NON. NONVIOLENT, NON-- THERE ARE SEVERAL NONS. THE LESS DANGEROUS TYPE. AND I WOULD JUST URGE THIS BOARD AS WE DO GO FORWARD IN THIS CATEGORY TO REALLY CONSIDER THE IDEA THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE OF A ZONE DEFENSE. WE DO NOT WANT TO CONTINUE TO RE-ARREST PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DANGEROUS. WE VERY MUCH VALUE



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CREATING A NET. AND MANY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THAT DONE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF STATE PRISON SO THAT THEY DO NOT -- WE ARE AGAINST RECIDIVISM.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. HAVE A NICE AFTERNOON.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, LIKEWISE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE A SPECIAL GUEST FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY? SHE IS THE HONORABLE HOLLY MITCHELL. PLEASE GIVE HER ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WELCOME TO -- [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR, YOUR NAME?

CHUCK TAYLOR: MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS CHUCK TAYLOR. I REPRESENT CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CANON U.S.A., A \$40 BILLION GLOBAL CORPORATION. I'M SPEAKING TODAY REGARDING ITEM 15, AND THAT IS THE PRINT OPTIMIZATION CONTRACT THAT WILL BE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD. AS A COMPANY, CANON HAS BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HOLD A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY SINCE 1993. AND AT THAT TIME WE WERE ALL VETTED. UP TO 12 VENDORS WERE VETTED AS MANUFACTURERS THAT WERE ABLE TO COME IN AND DO COMPETITIVE BIDS EACH TIME THERE WAS A CONTRACT THAT CAME FORWARD. THIS CONTRACT THAT'S BEING



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VETTED TODAY OR OFFERED TODAY IS GOING TO CREATE A MONOPOLY OF ONLY TWO VENDORS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE COMPETITIVE NATURE OF DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY OF L.A. WHEN IT COMES TIME TO BID FOR THE COPIER CONTRACTS. THIS IMPACTS THE LIVES OF EMPLOYEES OF UP TO 12 MANUFACTURERS. IT COULD BE HUNDREDS, MAYBE UP TO MORE THAN A THOUSAND EMPLOYEES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS DECISION. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT'S IN THIS CONTRACT IS THAT IT HAD TERMS IN IT THAT CAUSED VERY MUCH OF A DIFFICULTY FOR OUR COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE, AND INCLUDED UP TO 7 TERMINATION CLAUSES IN THE CONTRACT, ONE AS SPECIFIC AS A TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE WHICH SAYS THAT THE COUNTY CAN ACTUALLY WALK AWAY FROM A CONTRACT FOR WHATEVER REASON. NO CAUSE. THEY CAN WALK AWAY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE CONTRACT IS UP TO 60 MONTHS. AND IT IS REQUIRED THAT THE VENDOR OFFER THE EQUIPMENT IF IT'S \$10 A MONTH AS THE CHARGE FOR THE EQUIPMENT, 50 MONTHS LATER INTO A 60-MONTH CONTRACT, YOU STILL HAVE TO OFFER THAT SAME \$10 A MONTH. AND THE EQUIPMENT HAS TO BE NEW. BASED ON THAT, THAT HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ANY VENDOR OR MANUFACTURER THAT'S APPLYING OR CONSIDERING TRYING TO BID ON ONE OF THESE CONTRACTS. I ASK THAT THE COMMITTEE OR THE BOARD AT LEAST LOOK AT THIS CONTRACT WHERE IT SAYS THAT IT IS A MANDATORY CONTRACT BY ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY AND AT LEAST REMOVE THAT SECTION OF IT THAT WOULD ALLOW OTHER MANUFACTURERS TO AT LEAST COMPETE. SO IF YOU WOULD TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THE NEXT PRESENTER, PLEASE?

ROBIN MITCHELL: MY NAME IS ROBIN GENSLEY MITCHELL. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT NO. 44, WHICH IS THE FLOOD CONTROL. I THOUGHT THAT WE HAD PAID FOR THAT WITH PROPOSITION O. AND I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT BECAUSE I HAVE TWO PARCELS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I HAVE ONE IN TORRANCE AND I HAVE ONE IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES. AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE OVER ABOUT \$300 THAT WE WOULD BE PAYING ON ALL FOUR OF THOSE. THAT'S MY FIRST CONSIDERATION. THE OTHER THING WAS NO. 28, WHICH IS THE WEED ABATEMENT. AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IN THE ACORN, "AGOURA ACORN," THERE WAS AN ARTICLE ON THE SIXTH OF DECEMBER ABOUT THE AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA BEING WEEDS AND THEY SHOULD BE CONTROLLED. AND ALL OF THOSE THAT I KNOW WERE PLANTED BY THE COUNTY WHEN MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY WAS PUT THROUGH. THERE WAS NO AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA IN THE MOUNTAINS BEFORE THAT. AND THEY WERE PLANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY GOING THROUGH. SO THE TWO THINGS I HAVE, NUMBER 28 AND NO. 40.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM, YOU'RE ONLY PERMITTED TO SPEAK TO ITEM NO. 28, WHICH IS THE NUMBER FOR WHICH YOU SIGNED UP.



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ROBIN MITCHELL: I SUBMITTED BOTH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. PROCEED.
THANK YOU.

ROBIN MITCHELL: SO THE AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA WAS NO. 28 AND I
DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE I WAS ASKED TO TALK ABOUT THIS TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: 28 IS THE ONLY ITEM YOU'RE
PERMITTED TO SPEAK ON AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE TO COME BACK FOR
THE NEXT ONE.

ROBIN MITCHELL: FINE. SO BASICALLY THAT IS IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.

ROBIN MITCHELL: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THAT IS PART OF
THE PROCESS ON THE WEED CONTROL. AND IF IT IS THEN I THINK THE
COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THEM. AND THANK YOU VERY
MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
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ROBIN MITCHELL: I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE IT WAS. I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH OF THE TWO --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THAT'S OKAY. WE'RE IN ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

ANTONIA RAMIREZ: WHAT ITEMS ARE WE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THE ITEMS FOR WHICH YOU SIGNED ONLY. 12 AND 30 IN YOUR CASE.

ANTONIA RAMIREZ: ITEM NO. 30. NO MONEY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SERVICES AND SUPPLIES TO REIMBURSE THE SHERIFF'S BOGUS SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FUND UNTIL YOU CLEAR THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S WRECKAGE BY DOING YOUR ETHICAL, MORAL AND LEGALLY MANDATED JOBS. AND THAT IS TO FIRE, ARREST AND DEPORT ALL EAST LOS ANGELES DIRTY RACIST, ROGUE LATINO, HISPANIC AND -- CHANGO GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM. THESE CHANGO GANG BANGERS ARE PATHOLOGICAL, PERJURIOUS BULLDOG DEPUTIES AND THEY ARE THE FOLLOWING: PEDRO MEJILLA, DANIEL LOPEZ, GEORGE BURNAL, HENRY ROMERO, HECTOR ANDUJO, JAY MURILLO, LOMELLI, CRUZ, SPEARS, AGUIRRE, DURAN, VALENCIA, GONZALES, MALANDRINO, PACHECO, FEMALE FARIAS, FEMALE SANDOVAL, FEMALE PARRA, DISPATCHERS ET AL. THE AFOREMENTIONED EVIL HOMICIDAL MANIACS AND MENTALLY TWISTED CRIMINAL DEVIANTS IN UNIFORM HAVE ENGAGED IN CHANGO



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PILOTS. LEGAL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND AGAINST MYSELF. THE
CRIMINAL LAUNDRY LIST OF MAYHEM COMMITTED BY THESE LATINO
HISPANIC AND GABACHO COUNTY CHANGO GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM ARE
BLATANT DISCRIMINATION AND OVERT RACISM, ASSAULT AND BATTERY,
DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO OWN AND ENJOY ONE'S OWN PERSONAL AND
REAL PROPERTY. FALSE IMPRISONMENT, PHYSICAL AND VERBAL
THREATS, GANG AFFILIATIONS WITH DOMESTIC TERRORIST THREATS.
CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, EXTORTION, BRIBERY, FRAUD,
CORRUPTION, TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE,
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PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW, I.D. THEFT, CHANGO ORGANIZED CRIME,
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RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. CONSPIRACY TO GRAND THEFT. BURGLARY,
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AND ENVIOUS THE CHANGO HATE MONGERS, CHANGAS TOO, AIDING AND
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DISCLOSURE AND TO TRANSPARENCY. THESE REPTILIAN SAVAGES AND RENT-A-COPS NEED TO BE FIRED, ARRESTED WITH NO BACK PAY, CHEMICALLY CASTRATED, AND LAWFULLY DEPORTED. [LAUGHTER.] LAWFULLY DEPORTED. SEND THEM BACK TO WHEREVER THE HELL THEY CAME FROM. AND AGAIN PUBLICIZE THEIR PICTURES AND MUG SHOTS IN EVERY AMERICAN NEWSPAPER. AND AGAIN STRIP THOSE BUTT KISSERS OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE ARE -- MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE RULES OF THE BOARD DO NOT PERMIT CLAPPING AS SUCH WHEN SOMEONE SPEAKS. THEIR REMARKS CAN BE ACKNOWLEDGED ONLY QUIETLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE ORDER OF BOARD. WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD FIND YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE ENOUGH WITH THAT SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED IN THAT MANNER. I REPEAT. THE RULES OF THE BOARD DO NOT PERMIT, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, CLAPPING WHEN THERE IS TESTIMONY AT PUBLIC COMMENT. DR. CLAVREUL.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 3, I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA TO ASK A REPORT IN 45 DAYS. BUT I AM PRETTY SURE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET THAT REPORT BECAUSE AS WE SPEAK TODAY, WHAT HARBOR, U.C.L.A., U.S.C., AND SO ON HAVE ACUTE PROBLEMS ON HOW THEY DEAL WITH PATIENT CARE AND SO ON. YOUR OWN COMMISSION ON THE HOSPITAL



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GAVE A DAMNING REPORT ON HARBOR U.C.L.A. AND RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. SO I THINK WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH A.C.A. AND ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO I HOPE YOU WILL GET SOME TOP PEOPLE ON YOUR TEAM TO MAKE YOU ABLE TO HANDLE IT BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE VERY, VERY COSTLY. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO FALL DOWN THE CRACK AND NOT GETTING THE CARE THEY ARE REQUIRED. ON ITEM NO. 9, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND M.L.K. MED CENTER CAMPUS MASTER, THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE IS CERTAINLY NOT AS IN DEPTH THAT I WOULD LOVE TO BE. I REQUESTED UNDER THE REQUEST OF INFORMATION ACT TO GET THE INFORMATION WHERE OUR \$30 MILLION WENT. THAT WAS ON APRIL 17 YOU AGREED THAT WE HAD ALREADY GAVE \$30 MILLION TO M.L.K. HEALTH FOUNDATION. I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY WENT. I SURELY WOULD LOVE TO KNOW ABOUT IT. IT'S KIND OF SUBSTANTIAL THAT THE KIND OF INFORMATION THEY GAVE YOU DO NOT EXPLAIN WHERE THAT MONEY WENT. THEY GAVE TWO SO-CALLED BUDGET. AND ONE OF THEM, AND THEY ARE LIKE 30-DAY APART. ONE OF THEM IS FOR \$20 MILLION WHERE \$659,000 TO THE CONSULTANT. LEGAL FEE 660,000. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE. AND THE OTHER ONE IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT. I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY IS GOING. AND FOR THE ITEM 19, I EXPRESSED MY OPINION LAST WEEK. I FEEL THAT THE RAND FOUNDATION ORGANIZATION GAVE A FALSE REPORT VIS-A-VIS THE MARIJUANA POT DISPENSARIES. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PUT A RETRACTION. THEY STILL DON'T HAVE A RETRACTION ON THEIR -- I MEAN THEY PUT THE RETRACTION BUT DID NOT PUT THE SPECIFICS.



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AND FOR ITEM 31, 32, 33 AND 34, THOSE ITEMS ARE CONTINUED AND I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT THOSE ITEMS, ARE CONTINUED BECAUSE THEY ALL DEAL WITH POOR CARE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS ONE DEATH. AND I THINK THOSE PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID. AND I THINK THE SOONER THE BETTER. I THINK THAT NOT ONLY THEIR LOVED ONE RECEIVED POOR CARE BUT NOW YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO GIVE THE MONEY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE FINAL TWO SPEAKERS WHO ARE ARNOLD SACHS AND SAMANTHA AZULAY. PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. THAT'S QUITE A RESPONSE TO HER REMARKS, THOSE CLAPS. USUALLY SHE DOESN'T GET THAT MUCH FROM YOU. I HELD ITEM NO. 7 REGARDING THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL PLAN ONLY BECAUSE IT MENTIONED IN PART 5 M.T.A PLANS FOR ROSA PARKS STATION. THE STATION'S LIKE 20 YEARS OLD, 1990, BLUE LINE WAS OPENED. SO YOU HAVE A 20-YEAR PLAN HERE FOR THE OVERLAPPING AREA. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS ON THE ROSA PARKS STATION? DOES M.T.A. PLAN ON DOING ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE IT'S TOTALLY OBSOLETE? I HELD ITEM NO. 10. I WAS JUST WONDERING IS THERE A MAP SOMEWHERE OF THE NUMBER OF OVERLAPPING DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT OVERLAP OTHER DISTRICTS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GET AN IDEA OF JUST HOW MUCH OVERLAPPING THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE



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FOR? I HELD ITEM 17 REGARDING A PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT. SO I WAS WONDERING, BECAUSE I WORK FOR THE COMPANY THAT OWNS SOME PROPERTY ON THE AGREED-UPON GOLD LINE EXTENSION, I ACTUALLY WORK FOR THE L.A. TO PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AND THEY WERE TOLD TO SEND ANY TAX PAYMENTS TO AN OFFICE ON FIGUEROA. SO WOULD THEY HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO FIND OUT IF THEY HAVE ANY MONEY AVAILABLE? I HELD ITEM 19. IT'S A SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENT. AND I'M WONDERING: HAVE YOU GOTTEN INTO MORE SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENTS EVER SINCE YOU SUSPENDED YOUR BIDDING PROCESS BACK IN NOVEMBER OF 2008? I HELD ITEM 38. IT MENTIONS SOMETHING. AND I BRING IT UP. METRO HAS ON THEIR MEETING FOR JANUARY A DISCUSSION ABOUT BUDGET PLANNING PARAMETERS. AND SINCE YOU ALL SIT ON THE METRO BOARD, I WAS WONDERING JUST WHAT THE EXTENSION OF THOSE PARAMETERS ARE. IS IT LIKE MEASURE R, WHERE THE CLAIM WAS THAT YOU'D BE RAISING \$40 BILLION IN 30 YEARS, ABOUT \$1.3 BILLION -- ABOUT \$1,333,000,000 EVERY YEAR FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS BUT YOU'RE ONLY STARTING OUT WITH LIKE 650,000? SO FOR THE LAST PROGRESSIVE FOUR YEARS YOU'VE BEEN ALMOST \$700,000 IN THE HOLE AS FAR AS REVENUE FOR MEASURE R? OR IS IT THE OTHER END OF THE PARAMETER WHERE YOU MAKE STUFF UP LIKE THIS L.A. TO PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MADE A MOTION FOR REGARDING BACK IN AUGUST 25 OF 2005. SO WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS AND WHAT ARE THE EDGES THAT WE GET TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THERE WAS ONE OTHER PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. THAT WOULD BE SAMANTHA AZULAY. WE GIVE YOU ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY BY WAY OF ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR REQUEST. SEEING NO ONE AT THIS POINT, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER OR THESE ITEMS IS NOW CLOSED.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, CAN I --

SUP. KNABE: ITEM NO. 3? SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS REQUESTED MY MOTION TO BE PART OF THE A.C.A., MR. KATZ'S REPORT. SO I'LL PUT THAT -- MOVE ITEM NO. 3 TO THAT CONVERSATION WITH DR. KATZ.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAKER, ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ITEMS. AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS. ON ITEM S-1, IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 22. S-2 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29. ITEM NO. 3, AGAIN SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE ASKED FOR IT TO BE PRESENTED WITH ITEM NO. 39. NO. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 27, 28, 29, 30, ITEM 31 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY



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22, ITEM 32 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29. ITEM 23 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: CAN WE JUST HOLD ITEM 9 ON THE DESK?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: A REQUEST FOR ITEM 9 TO BE HELD BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE HELD AT THIS POINT IN TIME?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: IF WE COULD GET APPROVAL ON THE ITEMS THAT I JUST CALLED. AND THEN I WANT TO GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 6.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SO RIGHT NOW WE ARE HOLDING ITEM 3, 9, 6 AND THEN OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF THE RESPECTIVE SUPERVISORS. THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US, SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THEN PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS SUPERVISOR



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ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. AND HE WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A VERY BRIEF AMENDMENT TO ADD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND PROBATION TO THE INSTRUCTION. IF I COULD GET A MOTION?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR --

SUP. KNABE: I WILL WITHDRAW MY HOLD BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO DO. SO I'LL SECOND THE AMENDMENT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THE MOVE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, WE WILL ADOPT THE ITEM AS AMENDED. SO ORDERED.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: AND THAT LEADS TO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO START THE SET MATTER?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO ADJOURNMENTS VERY QUICKLY?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WELL, I THINK WE SHOULD PROCEED AS THE AGENDA SUGGESTS, THAT WE PROCEED TO ITEM NO. 40. WE HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO ARE HERE. LET ME JUST SIMPLY INDICATE



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HOW WE WILL PROCEED. THE FIRST REQUEST THAT THE CHAIR WILL MAKE IS TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COME FORWARD FOR A BRIEF PRESENTATION. AND THEY SHOULD DO SO AT THIS TIME. PURSUANT TO THAT, WE'LL HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL BRIEFLY OPINE ON THE IMPACTS OF LAST WEEK'S SUPREME COURT RULING FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF US IN TERMS OF ITS RELATION TO CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE. AND WE WILL THEN MOVE TO THE HEARING. MAY I INDICATE THAT STAFF HAS SUGGESTED THAT THERE ARE 200 PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. AND THOSE OF YOU WHO WISH TO WAIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, WE WILL NOT STRENUOUSLY OBJECT TO YOUR DOING SO. [LAUGHTER.] BUT LET ME SUGGEST YOU DO HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD, AND WE WILL ACCOMMODATE YOU. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE, IN LIGHT OF THE VOLUME OF INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE HEARD, EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK. I MEAN, IF THAT WERE TO BE THE CASE, WE HAVE WHAT'S IN FRONT OF US, ESSENTIALLY A THREE-HOUR HEARING. AFTER HAVING HEARD FROM EVERYONE, WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AMONG MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND GIVE OUR DIRECTIVES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. WITH THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, I'M NOW GOING TO MOVE TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE FORMALITY THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS ITEM.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM,



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PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES OUR OVERFLOW ROOM. SO IF YOU'RE ALSO ATTENDING AND YOU PLAN ON SPEAKING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: EVERYONE WISHING TO BE HEARD, YOU HAVE TO STAND AND ELEVATE YOUR RIGHT HAND EVEN IN THE OVERFLOW ROOM. WE'RE WATCHING. MMM. [LAUGHTER.]

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: WE ARE. OKAY, THANK YOU. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL PROCEED NOW TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A BRIEF OVERVIEW AND PRESENTATION. SERGEANT, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE ROOM IS IN ORDER. STAFF ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROOM, IF YOU WOULD KINDLY -- IF YOU'RE NOT ON A MATTER PERTAINING TO ITEM NO. 4, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE REAR OF THE ROOM. SERGEANT, PLEASE FACILITATE THAT IN THE WAY YOU KNOW BEST. MA'AM, SIR?

ANGELA GEORGE: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ANGELA GEORGE AND I'M A PRINCIPAL ENGINEER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



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WORKS. IN 2008, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BEGAN PURSUING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL, SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION IN THE NINE WATERSHEDS THAT COMPRISE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. ON A RELATED NOTE, IN A UNANIMOUS COURT DECISION BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, THE COURT AFFIRMED THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S POSITION THAT IT IS COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE -- THAT IT IS THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPROVE STORM WATER QUALITY. THE COURT DECISION SUPPORTS THE DISTRICT'S PERSPECTIVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO CLEANING UP OUR WATER IS THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE, REGIONAL APPROACH. THIS MEASURE IS DESIGNED TO FUND THIS REGIONAL APPROACH. ASSEMBLY BILL 2554, SPONSORED BY THIS BOARD AND CHAPTERED BY THE GOVERNOR ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY FEE AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO LEVY A FEE OR CHARGE TO PAY THE COST OF CARRYING OUT RELATED PROJECTS AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION. PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2554, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S AUTHORITY TO LEVY A FEE IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 218, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A NOTICED PROTEST HEARING AND AN ELECTION. AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF



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SUPERVISORS AT THE JULY 3, 2012 BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC WORKS INITIATED THE PROCESS TO SET THIS PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED FOR YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FEES. TODAY IS THE FIRST OF A TWO-STEP PROCESS REQUIRED BY LAW, WHICH IS FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND RECEIVE PROTESTS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS ABOUT THE PROPOSED FEE. IF NO MAJORITY PROTEST OF PROPERTY OWNERS IS RECEIVED, PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSES TO RETURN TO YOUR BOARD AT A LATER DATE WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON THE SECOND STEP OF THE PROCESS, WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE AND CONDUCT AN ELECTION. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING, A DETAILED ENGINEER'S REPORT WAS PREPARED DESCRIBING THE FEE METHODOLOGY AND CALCULATING THE PROPOSED FEE FOR EACH PARCEL SUBJECT TO THE FEES. THE ENGINEER'S REPORT WAS PREPARED BY WILLDAN FINANCIAL WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF PREPARING SUCH A REPORT. AS DETAILED IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, THE FEE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY DETERMINES EACH PARCEL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICE TO BE FUNDED BY THE PROPOSED FEE. THE CALCULATION TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE SIZE OF EACH PARCEL AND ITS ESTIMATED IMPERVIOUS AREA AS DETERMINED BY THE PARCEL LAND USE. THE ENGINEER'S REPORT WAS FILED WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2012 AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA A CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES PROGRAM WEBSITE. ALSO IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH



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THE LAW, A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED FEE THAT INCLUDED THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS MAILED TO THE OWNERS OF APPROXIMATELY 2.2 MILLION AFFECTED PARCELS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2012, WHICH IS MORE THAN 45 DAYS BEFORE THIS HEARING. AS REQUIRED BY LAW, EACH NOTICE CONTAINED THE PROPOSED FEE AMOUNT FOR THE SUBJECT PARCEL, A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM, AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT. THE NOTICES INFORMED PARCEL OWNERS THAT IF THEY WANTED TO SUBMIT A PROTEST, THEY COULD MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED ON THE NOTICE OR BRING IT IN PERSON TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. TO FACILITATE THAT PROCESS, THE DISTRICT INCLUDED A CONVENIENT, STANDARDIZED FORM THAT COULD BE MAILED BY PARCEL OWNERS WHO WISH TO PROTEST. THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO AND FOLLOW VERY STRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURES AND ELECTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT MUST FOLLOW ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE DESIGN AND CONTENT OF ALL MEASURE-RELATED MATERIALS, INCLUDING NOTICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS. THE DISTRICT WORKED CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO ENSURE ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS WERE MET. THE CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES WEBSITE, WHICH PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSED MEASURE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES ALLOWED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES ONLINE AND INCLUDED INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT COULD BE FUNDED BY THE FEE ALONG WITH ANSWERS TO



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES. PUBLIC WORKS ALSO ESTABLISHED A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND A FULLY-STAFFED MULTILINGUAL CALL CENTER THAT OPERATED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THE CALL CENTER PROVIDED PARCEL OWNERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TOOK REQUESTS FOR REPLACEMENT PROTEST FORMS, AND RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES ABOUT FEE AMOUNTS. AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013, THE DISTRICT HAD RESPONDED TO APPROXIMATELY 4,500 INQUIRIES RECEIVED THROUGH THE CALL CENTER OR THE WEBSITE AND ISSUED APPROXIMATELY 4,271 REPLACEMENT NOTICES TO PARCEL OWNERS. ALSO IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING AND AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, WE HAVE CONDUCTED SIGNIFICANT OUTREACH IN ORDER TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF WATER QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE DISTRICT HAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY, MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TRADE UNIONS, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE REGULATORY COMMUNITY. THE CONCERNS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CENTERED AROUND ITS DESIRE TO INCLUDE A SUNSET CLAUSE IN THE MEASURE, TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PROPERTY OWNERS THAT IMPLEMENT ON-SITE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES AND REDUCTION IN THE CAP FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COST. WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH BUSINESS GROUPS AND TO RETURN TO YOUR BOARD AT A LATER DATE WITH A RECOMMENDATION. THE DISTRICT IS ALSO DEVELOPING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL REWARD



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PROPERTY OWNERS WITH A FEE REDUCTION OR A REBATE FOR IMPLEMENTING WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES ON THEIR PROPERTIES. THE DISTRICT HAS ALSO FORMED A COMMITTEE FROM VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA, WHICH IS CRITICAL -- WHICH IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT FOR PRIORITIZATION OF REGIONAL PROJECTS IF THE MEASURE PASSES. AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, WE HAVE ALSO REACHED OUT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DIRECTLY AND THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP OPTIONS THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE NEED TO CLEAN UP POLLUTED STORM WATER AND MINIMIZE THE IMPACT TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE ARE ALSO ENGAGING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE OUTREACH TO AND PARTICIPATION OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE PLANNING OF REGIONAL WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. THE DISTRICT WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE TO ALL THE AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LEANT THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE US WITH INPUT ON THE PROPOSED MEASURE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROTEST PROCESS, THE ELECTION FIRM K. & H. PRINTING WAS PROCURED TO CONDUCT THE PRINTING OF THE NOTICES AND TO INDEPENDENTLY RECEIVE AND TALLY THE PROTESTS. PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES REGARDING ACCEPTING PROTESTS VIA EMAIL. HOWEVER, DUE TO CONCERNS WITH DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF ALL PROTESTS RECEIVED, ONLY WRITTEN PROTESTS



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MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, INCLUDING THOSE RECEIVED DURING THIS HEARING, WILL BE COUNTED AS VALID PROTESTS. PARCEL OWNERS THAT MADE THE INQUIRIES ABOUT PROTESTING VIA EMAIL WERE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RETURN THEIR PAPER PROTESTS. AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013, K.& H. PRINTING REPORTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 95,000 WRITTEN PROTESTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO 4.3 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE FEE AND LESS THAN THE 50 PERCENT REQUIRED TO CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY PROTEST IN ORDER NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE SECOND STEP OF THE PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS, WHICH IS A FORMAL ELECTION. IF ANYONE PRESENT TODAY OWNS PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE FEE OR IS AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF A PROPERTY OWNER AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN PROTEST AND HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, THE DISTRICT HAS MADE PROTEST FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE BOARD HEARING ROOM. PROTESTS SHOULD INCLUDE THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN ONE OF THE DROP BOXES NEXT TO THE TABLE BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. SUBSEQUENT TO THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND UPON VALIDATION OF THE PROTESTS RECEIVED, AN OFFICIAL FINAL TABULATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD INCLUDING ALL OF THE WRITTEN PROTESTS THAT ARE PRESENTED AT THE HEARING. PURSUANT TO PROP 218, IF A MAJORITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS DO NOT SUBMIT WRITTEN PROTESTS BY THE CLOSE OF THE



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HEARING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH IS AN ELECTION. THE DISTRICT REQUESTS TO RETURN TO THE BOARD IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO REPORT ON THE FINAL TABULATION OF THE PROTESTS, RECOMMEND A TYPE OF ELECTION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES AND ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON FURTHER INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS. WITH ME HERE TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MEASURE. WE ARE ALL AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT? WE THEN TURN TO COUNTY COUNSEL FOR YOUR OVERVIEW WITH RESPECT TO THE RECENT COURT RULING.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: SUPERVISORS, THE PROPOSED PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICE FEE IS BEING PROPOSED PURSUANT TO PROP 218. AND THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL UNDER PROP 218 IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS. THIS BEING THE PROTEST PROCEEDING IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS. PROP 218 REQUIRES A PROTEST HEARING WITH NOTICE OF NOT LESS THAN 45 DAYS. AND FOR YOUR BOARD TO CONSIDER PROTESTS RECEIVED UP TO AND INCLUDING THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING. THE PROTESTS TO BE TABULATED MUST BE WRITTEN PROTESTS. THE SECOND PART OF THE PROP 218 PROCESS, IF THERE IS NO MAJORITY PROTEST, IS AN ELECTION WHICH WOULD BE CALLED BY



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YOUR BOARD AND CAN BE EITHER A PROPERTY OWNER ELECTION OR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE. THE PROPERTY OWNER ELECTION WOULD BE A MAJORITY APPROVAL. THE VOTE BY REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD BE A TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: MR. CHAIRMAN?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: COULD WE ASK THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS A FEW QUESTIONS AND ALSO OUR C.E.O.?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NOW, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE AS TO HOW WE PROCEED? I'VE SPECIFIED THAT WE WOULD HEAR FROM PUBLIC WORKS, THEN COUNTY COUNSEL AS WE'VE ALREADY DONE, THEN MOVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD PRIOR TO HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC? MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS MYSELF, BUT I WAS GOING TO DEFER UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING IN DEFERENCE TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR PLEASURE, SUPERVISOR?



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: THAT'S FINE. BUT LET ME JUST SAY, THEN, FOR THE RECORD I HAVE TWO MOTIONS WE'LL PUT IN AFTER PUBLIC TESTIMONY. ONE WOULD BE TO OPPOSE THE FEE. IF THAT FAILED, A SECOND ONE WOULD BE TO USE FUNDS FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING THAT WE'LL BE RECEIVING. AND ALSO THE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY'S FLOOD CONTROL BUDGET, WHICH THEY HAVE A SURPLUS AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE. SO THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND MOTION THAT WOULD BE INTRODUCED IF THE FIRST ONE TO OPPOSE THE TAX FAILED.

SUP. KNABE: I HAVE A MOTION, AS WELL, TOO, BUT I'LL WAIT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF MOTIONS. AND THEY WILL FOLLOW YOUR TESTIMONY AND FOLLOW THE EXCHANGE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS. AND SO LET'S BEGIN WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND WHICH IS TO HEAR FROM THOSE WHO ARE HERE TO TESTIFY. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER. NOW WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD. YOU HAVE ONE MOMENT TO BE HEARD. WE ASK THAT YOU GOVERN YOURSELF BY THE RULE OF THE BOARD. ROBERT KELLAR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. JESS TALAMONTES, PLEASE COME FORWARD. MARGARET CLARK. EMILY GABEL, THE THREE OF YOU, FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AND IF YOU CAN MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THAT



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WOULD BE HELPFUL. THEN HILDA RODRIGUEZ, TIMBEN BOYDSTON, SKYLAR PEAK, IF YOU WOULD BE READY TO BECOME. AS YOU SPEAK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RELINQUISH YOUR SEAT TO THE NEXT PERSON TO THE NEXT PERSON WHOSE NAME I CALLED, PLEASE COME TAKE THE SEAT SO THAT WE CAN MOVE SMOOTHLY. ALL RIGHT. THE FIRST SPEAKER IS, MR. MAYOR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS FOR ONE MINUTE.

ROBERT KELLAR: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM BOB KELLAR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I'M HERE TO REGISTER THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA'S PROTEST REGARDING A PROPOSED L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES FEE. THE OFFICIAL PROTEST FORMS RELATED TO PARCELS OWNED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$461,491 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. IN 1995 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA IMPLEMENTED A STORM WATER UTILITY FEE TO HELP THE CITY COMPLY WITH STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS. WITH THE CITY FEE, WE HAVE COLLECTED MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF TRASH, INSTALLED HUNDREDS OF TREATMENT DEVICES AND PERFORMED THOUSANDS OF INSPECTIONS. ON JANUARY 8, 2013, SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTEST THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THE PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE FEE REPRESENTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS DIRECTLY OUT OF THE POCKETS OF SANTA CLARITA RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PAY FOR STORM WATER PROGRAMS THEY ARE ALREADY PAYING FOR. LOCAL BUSINESSES IN



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SANTA CLARITA WILL BE FORCE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN CREATING NEW JOBS AND PAYING A SECOND TIME FOR STORM WATER POLLUTION FEES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

ROBERT KELLAR: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

EMILY GABEL: CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. EMILY GABEL-LUDDY, I'M VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AND I'VE HAD THE HONOR IN THE PAST TO WORK WITH SEVERAL OF YOU OVER IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ARE IN BURBANK COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S GOING TO TAKE A LARGE INFUSION OF RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. HOWEVER WE THE CITY OF BURBANK REMAIN OPPOSE TO THIS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRST, THE IMPACT ON SCHOOLS. OUR BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL COST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO PAY THE FEE BASED ON THEIR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. AND WE THINK THIS IS MONEY DIVERTED AWAY FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION. SECONDLY, THE TIMING COULD NOT BE WORSE FOR PUTTING THIS KIND OF PARCEL TAX ON THE BALLOT. WE JUST VOTED IN NOVEMBER OF 2012 TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS THROUGH PROPOSITION 30 IN THE STATE OF



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CALIFORNIA. SO ON THE ONE HAND, WE ARE ADDING THINGS, ON THE SECONDHAND WE ARE TAKING IT AWAY AGAIN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM, I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

MARGARET CLARK: MARGARET CLARK, COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD, AND OUR CITY DID ALSO TAKE A POSITION OF OPPOSED. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED THE MONEY. THIS IS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. THERE ARE SOME, I BELIEVE, 92 THINGS WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE STORM WATER, BUT THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT APPROACH BECAUSE OF WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH. IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO RETAIN WATER ON SITE, AND THAT WILL HELP OUR WATER SUPPLY. BUT IT NOT TAKE ALL THE POLLUTANTS OUT WHEN SOMEONE EITHER THROUGH IGNORANCE OR MALICE PUTS FLUIDS, THE WRONG FLUIDS IN. I ALSO HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH THE DECEPTIVE WAY -- AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUPERVISORS DID NOT SEE THIS WHEN IT WENT OUT -- BUT TO SAY THAT THIS IS NOTIFYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF A PUBLIC HEARING, MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS. IT CAME DURING CHRISTMAS. BUT WE NEED AN APPEAL PROCESS. MY CHURCH, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL PAY ALMOST \$3,000. WE HAVE A HUGE, IT BECOMES A LAKE WHEN IT RAINS. I CALLED THE CITY TO SEE IF WE GET CREDIT FOR THAT. THEY SAID NO.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MADAM COUNCIL MEMBER, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY VERY MUCH AND YOUR COOPERATION. NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE?

JESS TALAMANTES: JESS TALAMANTES, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF BURBANK.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES, SIR.

JESS TALAMANTES: MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, I'M HERE REPRESENTING MY CITY COUNCIL TO VOICE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE AGENDA ITEM NO. 40 AS PROPOSED. WE FEEL THIS CURRENT PROPOSAL WOULD BE A GREAT FINANCIAL BURDEN TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ALL THE SCHOOL KIDS IN OUR GREAT CITY. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO GO BACK, RETHINK THIS MEASURE AND RETHINK HOW IT CAN REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CITIES' GENERAL FUNDS. WHILE WE REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES, THE CITY OF BURBANK CANNOT SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

LOU LA MONTE: MORNING, MY NAME IS LOU LA MONTE. I'M THE MAYOR



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OF MALIBU. I'M HERE TO REAFFIRM OUR CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF PLACING THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT AND TO URGE YOU ONCE THE PROTEST HEARING IS CLOSED TO VOTE TO MOVE THIS PROCESS FORWARD SO THAT THE FINAL MEASURE CAN BE WRITTEN, APPROVED AND PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS. THE CITY OF MALIBU IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD, SUPPORTING LOCAL AND REGIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF ALONG THE 27 MILES OF BEACH IN OUR CITY. WE'VE INVESTED OVER \$60 MILLION TO CLEAN STORM WATER BEFORE IT GETS TO THE BEACH. THIS ADDS UP TO ALMOST 50 PERCENT OF OUR ANNUAL CITY BUDGET OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS. NONE OF OUR LOCAL CITIES HAVE ACCESS TO A STABLE, LONG-TERM DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE THAT CAN PROVIDE A REVENUE STREAM TO FUND PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT HAS WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO DRAFT AN INITIATIVE THAT WILL CHARGE A FAIR AND REASONABLE SERVICE FEE FOR CLEANING UP THE POLLUTED STORM WATER THAT COMES FROM EVERY CORNER OF THIS 4,000 SQUARE MILE COUNTY. I TRUST THAT YOUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WILL ALLOW FOR WRITING OF THE ORDINANCE --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

LOU LA MONTE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
SIR, PLEASE PROCEED. YOUR NAME.

SKYLAR PEAK: HI, MY NAME IS SKYLAR PEAK AND I'M A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE CITY OF MALIBU. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR WATERSHED. I HOPE THE BALLOT MEASURE REFLECTS THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC. PLEASE BE HONEST WITH THE PUBLIC AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE TODAY. IF YOU ARE CREATING A TAX FOR CLEAN WATER, PLEASE DO SO BY ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS WITH POSITIVE RESULTS AND NO MORE FAILED LAGOON OR WETLANDS ATTEMPTS. THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE WILL BE DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, I HOPE OUR PEOPLE WILL STAND UP AND SUPPORT CLEAN WATER AND THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON CLEAN WATER, THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR, WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. I NOW CALL FOR DR. SUJA LOWENTHAL FOLLOWED BY LOU LA MONTE. WE DID HEAR FROM EMILY GABEL, HILDA RODRIGUEZ, TIMBEN BOYDSTON. PLEASE PROCEED. MA'AM.

SUJA LOWENTHAL: SUJA LOWENTHAL, COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF LONG BEACH. LONG BEACH IS GROUND ZERO FOR URBAN RUNOFF FROM THE L.A. AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS. THIS IS A REGIONAL ISSUE THAT KNOWS NO GEOGRAPHICAL OR POLITICAL BOUNDARIES AND THEREFORE



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REQUIRES A REGIONAL SOLUTION. ON JANUARY 8, MY COLLEAGUES AND I PASSED A MOTION TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS THAT, ONE, COUNCIL SUPPORT IS CONTINGENT UPON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL OF THE ORDINANCE AS A BALLOT MEASURE. TWO, TO ENSURE THAT CITY'S FUNDS AND PROJECT FUNDS ARE USED DIRECTLY TO FUND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS. THREE, TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR CLEAN WATER PROJECTS IN SCHOOLS AND RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. AND, FOUR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCLUDE A 30-YEAR SUNSET DATE AND/OR STEP-DOWN MECHANISM. I PERSONALLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE STORM WATER ORDINANCE TODAY AND PUT THIS BEFORE PROPERTY OWNERS. THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO VOTE ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE AND TO IMPROVE OUR WATER QUALITY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GENERATIONS TO COME. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE, AND WE'LL ASK MARSHA MCCLEAN IF SHE WOULD COME FORWARD, AS WELL. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, PROCEED. MA'AM?

DONNA GANNON: I'M DONNA GANNON, I'M FROM THE CITY OF BELL. WE HAVE A THREE-TIER PAY SITUATION IN OUR WATER COMPANY WHICH IS A REALLY BIG TAX BURDEN ON OUR CITY. AND TO PUT ANOTHER TAX BURDEN ON OUR CITY WOULD BE WAY OVER THE TOP. WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO FUNCTION THAT WAY. WE NEED TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT



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AND LET US VOTE ON IT BECAUSE IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. AND A LOT OF THE PEOPLE HERE ARE NOT WORKING. AND IT'S A FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR AREA THAT ARE NOT WORKING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES, MA'AM.

DONNA GANNON: AND THIS IS THE WRONG TIME TO START TAXING US MORE AND MORE. WE'VE ALREADY PAID 20 PERCENT TAX ON THE WATER COMPANY THAT WE ARE WITH NOW, GOLDEN STATE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. MOLINA: MA'AM, I'M LISTENING TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND I AGREE THIS IS A TOUGH TIME FOR ALL OF US. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS NOT GOING ON AND EVEN IN THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS PRESENTED EARLIER TODAY, IT IS NOT MAKING CLEAR WHAT THIS PROCESS IS. AND I THINK THAT'S THE UNFORTUNATE PART ABOUT THIS IS THAT THE REALITY IS -- AND I'M NOT SAYING I'M PREPARED TO VOTE FOR THIS AT THIS TIME, BUT SOMEHOW PEOPLE AND THE CITIES ARE NOT UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PENALTIES THAT IF WE DON'T -- IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T DO THIS, THE PENALTIES WILL GO TO THE CITIES. AND I'M NOT SURE PEOPLE KNOW. AND I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PROBLEMS WITH THIS WHOLE ISSUE IS A LACK OF



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INFORMATION OUT THERE. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT OUT. I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE READING IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CITIES WANT US TO DO. FOR US IN THE COUNTY, WE'RE TRYING TO PRESENT SUPPOSEDLY A SOLUTION TO THE CITIES. IF WE DON'T DO THIS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AND MAYBE SOMEBODY CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, THAT THE CITIES WILL BE FINED NOT BY US BUT BY THE STATE, IS THAT CORRECT?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. MOLINA: AND SO THE CITIES WILL HAVE TO PAY THOSE FINES UNLESS THEY START PUTTING IN PLACE SOME ACTIVITIES WITH REGARD TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO CLEAN THE RUNOFF. NOW, A LOT OF US WILL AGREE AND DISAGREE AS TO WHAT IS RUNOFF, IT'S JUST THE STATE IS MANDATING THIS. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO PRESENT A SOLUTION. AND I'M NOT -- I'M ONLY TRYING TO SAY THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, I KNOW WE GOT A PRESENTATION, BUT SHE WAS READING. AND EVERYBODY WAS LIKE FALLING ASLEEP AS SHE WAS READING THIS. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S CLEAR WHAT IS GOING TO GO ON. SO I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND WHAT YOU SAID. NOBODY CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR IT. BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW, AND SOME OF THE MAYORS AND SOME OF THE CITIES CAME UP AND TESTIFIED FOR IT AND AGAINST IT. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR THEM AS FAR AS THE CITY? WHAT CITY ARE YOU IN?



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DONNA GANNON: CITY OF BELL.

SUP. MOLINA: CITY OF BELL. OH, BOY THAT'S ALREADY IN TROUBLE. [LAUGHTER.] WELL WAIT JUST A SECOND. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO KNOW. IF IN FACT THERE IS NOT A REMEDY PUT IN PLACE, AND THIS IS WHAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ABOUT, WHEN WILL THE CITIES BE FINED OR BEGIN THE PROCESS? WHEN WILL THE STATE BE FINING THOSE CITIES?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE REGIONAL BOARD. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE JUST ENTERED INTO A NEW PERMIT, ALL OF THE CITIES, ALONG WITH THE COUNTY AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ARE PERMITEES UNDER THE PERMIT. AND SO THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE. AND IT WOULD BE EITHER THE REGIONAL BOARD DETERMINING VIOLATIONS OR, YOU KNOW, AS WE HAD WITH THE N.R.D.C., THIRD PARTIES BRINGING LAWSUITS TO ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE LIABILITY.

SUP. MOLINA: ALL RIGHT. BUT I JUST THINK THAT SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TODAY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES. I'M NOT SO SURE THIS IS THE SOLUTION, EITHER, OKAY? BUT I'M NOT SO SURE THAT THERE'S A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THIS ONE IS ONE OF THE LEAST INFORMATIVE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS I'VE EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN. AND WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE'S PROPERTY TAXES, I JUST THINK IT'S A PAINFUL THING. SO I'M JUST



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TRYING TO GET THE CLARIFICATION SO THAT YOU KNOW. AND I JUST THINK THERE SHOULD BE MORE INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE STATEMENT THAT WAS WRITTEN ABOUT A PROCESS THAT IS REALLY NOT QUITE CLEAR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHE WANTS TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE ARE MOVING PAST THE POINT OF YOUR TIME, MA'AM. SO IF YOU WOULD HELP US BY WAY OF ALLOWING THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD, WE'D BE MOST APPRECIATIVE.

DONNA GANNON: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

SUP. MOLINA: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

HILDA RODRIGUEZ: HI, MY NAME IS HILDA RODRIGUEZ AND I REPRESENT THE CITY OF BELL.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES.

HILDA RODRIGUEZ: THEY ARE NOT HERE BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKING.



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THEY NEED TO WORKING FIRST TO MAKE MONEY. WHAT HAPPENED IN MY CITY EVERYBODY KNOW. WE ARE THE CITY THAT PAY 10 PERCENT IN UTILITY BILLS. WE HAVE A COMPANY MORE EXPENSIVE IN ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THAT IS -- I AM NOT AGREE AND I LOVE THIS COUNTRY AND I HAVE CONSIDERED TO CLEAN THE OCEAN. IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I LIKE IT THE BEST. WE NEED TO SAVE THIS COUNTRY. BUT WHEN YOU, MR. THOMAS, CAN AFFORD SOLUTION. I AM RETIRED. I CAN'T AFFORD THAT. I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE WATER BILL 10 PERCENT THAT THEY IMPOSE TO US PLUS WE SUPPOSED TO PAY A BOND FOR \$653 IN OUR TAXES BECAUSE THE CITY IMPOSED THAT. PLEASE, PLEASE, I WANT -- BILL. GIVE A CHANCE TO THIS CITY AT LEAST ONE OR TWO YEARS TO SAVE OUR CONDITION BECAUSE THEY NO IMPROVING ANYTHING IN ANYTHING. PLEASE. I DO IT NOT ONLY FOR MY CITY. I ASK YOU FOR THIS COUNTRY THAT WE NEED TO SAVE THIS COUNTRY. WE LOST THIS COUNTRY, WHERE WE GO? NOBODY IS BETTER THAN UNITED STATES. I AM NOT GRIEVE FOR THIS NOT BECAUSE I NOT CONSIDER IT BEAUTIFUL, IT'S FANTASTIC. BUT WHEN YOU CAN AFFORD, SIR, YOU NEED TO PAY FIRST THE FOOD, THE HOUSE, YOU'RE WORKING ALL YOUR LIFE TO HAVE. AND THIS IS THE REASON I NO AGREE AT THIS MOMENT. AND I CONSIDER ALL OF YOU, THINKING THAT THE CITY OF BELL THAT IS A BIG DISASTER. THANK YOU, SIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN MAY I SIMPLY SAY THAT THE RULES OF THE BOARD DON'T



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PERMIT APPLAUSE, AS I INDICATED BEFORE UNLESS YOU ARE
APPLAUDING THE CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]
[APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?
MA'AM? YOUR NAME?

CARMEN VILLA: CARMEN VILLA.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: PLEASE PROCEED.

CARMEN VILLA: I COME ALSO FROM BELL. AND THEN I AM DISCUSSING
BECAUSE I ONLY RECEIVE MY RETIREMENT CHECK. AND MY RETIREMENT
CHECK DON'T GO FAR. OUR CITY CHARGE TOO MUCH IN TAXES PLUS THE
10 PERCENT OF EVERY REQUIREMENT LIKE WATER AND EVERYTHING.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A PERSON TO CONTINUE LIVING LIKE THAT. I
WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START CHARGING OR
START GIVING TICKETS TO THE PERSON WHO REALLY THREW GARBAGE AT
THE RIVER? I THINK THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE
DON'T CHECK, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I SEE GALLONS OF
OIL IN THE GARBAGE, THREW IT THE GARBAGE CAN. WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO START GIVING TICKETS TO THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY DO THINGS
WRONG, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WATER. I AGREE WITH MISS MOLINA WHAT
SHE SAY ABOUT THE CITY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE HER WHEN SHE
COME OUT TO THE CITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR



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TESTIMONY. WE APPRECIATE IT. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

MARSHA MCLEAN: YES, HI, I'M MARSHA MCLEAN, COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. SINCE 1995, OUR HOMEOWNERS IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN PAYING A STORM WATER UTILITY FEE TO HELP THE CITY COMPLY WITH STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS. WILL THOSE ENTITIES WHO ALREADY PAY A STORM WATER FEE BE EXEMPT FROM THIS NEW SECOND PROPOSED FEE? I'M ALSO SPEAKING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE ON FIXED INCOME AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPACTED BY MORE FEES TACKED ONTO PROPERTY BILLS. BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SO IMPACTED BY THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND THIS WILL PLAY MORE HAVOC WITH OUR LIVES JUST AS THERE IS A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR RECOVERY, HERE COMES ANOTHER FEE. IF YOU DO GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL, I REQUEST YOU AT LEAST PUT IT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE ON A REGULAR BALLOT. IT'S NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BUT RENTERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WILL HAVE THIS COST PASSED ON TO THEM. AT THE VERY LEAST, I REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE THIS PROCESS SO THAT AT LEAST ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESSES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW WHAT'S COMING THAT WILL IMPACT THEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT PERSON TO BE HEARD. AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL LARRY FORESTER, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, NICK SALERNO, AND



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MAYOR LAW, MAYNARD LAW. PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

TIMBEN BOYDSTON: CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIMBEN BOYDSTON, AND I AM A CITY COUNCILMAN FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE FOR TAKING EXCEPTION TO THIS EGREGIOUS TAX THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR COUNCIL AND OUR AUGUST GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN HERE. THEY HAVE MANAGED TO DO SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE THOUGHT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, AND THAT WAS, GOD SENDS US RAIN AND YOU FIGURED OUT HOW TO TAX IT. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NOW WAIT A MINUTE. WAIT, WAIT JUST A MINUTE. WAIT A MINUTE HERE. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY OUT OF ORDER. AND YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE YOU CANNOT, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE BETTER LINES THAN ANY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD AND YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER. [LAUGHTER.] PROCEED, SIR.

TIMBEN BOYDSTON: MY APOLOGIES, MR. THOMAS. I HUMBLY BESEECH YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SANTA CLARITA. WE ALREADY PAY THIS TAX. WE ALREADY PAY THIS TAX. WE ALREADY DO STORM WATER. WE CANNOT TAKE THE DOUBLE TAXATION. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY FRIENDS IN THE COUNTY, PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS. AND HAVE A REAL ELECTION. GO AHEAD AND SEND IT OUT TO ALL OF THE



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PEOPLE AND ASK THEM WHAT THEY THINK. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LARRY FORESTER: LARRY FORESTER CITY OF SIGNAL HILL. THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL SUPPORTS THE BOARD MOVING FORWARD TO THE PARCEL OWNER VOTE. WE REQUEST THAT THE BOARD INCLUDE THE FINAL ORDINANCE WITH THE VOTE SO THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR. THE BOARD MAY NEED TO CONTINUE TODAY'S VOTE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS IN ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS WITH A DRAFT ORDINANCE. THIS INCLUDES INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND OTHERS WHO CAPTURE RUNOFF ON THEIR PARCELS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I URGE YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER?

NICK SALERNO: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS NICK SALERNO, I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHILE WE ALL AGREE THAT WE NEED CLEAN WATER, WE ALL WANT THAT FOR OUR CHILDREN THAT WE SERVE AS WELL AS FOR OUR OWN CHILDREN. BUT THERE ARE INHERENT



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FLAWS IN THE CURRENT PROPOSAL. FIRST, THERE IS NO SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE FEE. NEXT, THERE IS NO EXEMPTION CLAUSE FOR SCHOOLS, SINCE IT'S A FEE AND NOT A TAX. IN ADDITION, MANY OF OUR DISTRICTS, MINE INCLUDED, HAVE ALREADY SPENT LARGE SUMS TO ADDRESS THIS VERY ISSUE WITH NO CREDITS FOR SUCH PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES. THE SO-CALLED PLAN TO SOMEHOW RETURN SOME OF THE FEES TO THE SCHOOLS ARE NEBULOUS AND UNDECIDED. HOMEOWNERS AS WELL AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS SEE THE PROCESS AS EXTREMELY FLAWED AND LACKING TRANSPARENCY. WE NOW HAVE A SUPREME COURT RULING STATING THAT THE COMPLIANCE ROUTE THE REGIONAL BOARD IMPLEMENTED IS FLAWED RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM. THIS MEANS WE ARE FACING A DECISION TO IMPOSE FEES BASED ON AN INCORRECT AND UNDEFINED COMPLIANCE SYSTEM. THE REGIONAL BOARD CONTINUES TO PUSH FORWARD TO SUPPORT THE FEES IN SPITE OF THESE ISSUES AND IN THE FACE OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION. WE ARE ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS DECISION TO IMPOSE FEES. LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE DECISION BY THE SUPREME COURT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

NICK SALERNO: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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MAYNARD LAW: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MAYNARD LAW, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD. OUR DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE DISTRICTS THAT WOULD SUFFER A GREAT DEAL OF MONETARY LOSS. WE ARE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY \$350,000 IF THIS TAX INITIATIVE IS PASSED. CALIFORNIA'S ALREADY RANKED 47TH IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF ITS EDUCATIONAL EXPENDITURES. ANOTHER \$350,000 TO OUR DISTRICT AND \$14 MILLION TO ALL THE DISTRICTS IN L.A. COUNTY IS JUST SOMETHING THAT WE CANNOT PUT UP WITH. WITH THE PASSING OF PROPOSITION 30, THE PUBLIC HAS SPOKEN THAT EDUCATION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF OUR CITIZENS, AND CONTINUING CUTS TO EDUCATION MUST END. A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS WATER INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE QUITE A WAYS TO GO, AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING NAMES. RONALD ESQUIVEL, JIM NOVAK. SHAWN GATEWOOD. AND LINDA KAMINSKI. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD IMMEDIATELY, WE WOULD HEAR YOU NOW. AND THEN ADELE ANDRADE-STADLE, IF YOU WOULD BE READY TO COME FORWARD. MARK HANSBERGER. JOEL SHAWN AND FINALLY ELLEN DOUGHERTY. PLEASE PROCEED. SIR?

RONALD ESQUIVEL: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S RONALD ESQUIVEL,



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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT. OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A VERY SMALL DISTRICT. IT'S IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 2900 STUDENTS. HOWEVER, THIS TAX TO THE STUDENTS IS \$35,000 THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR. WE'VE BEEN CUT EVERY WHICH WAY FROM THE STATE AND EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. WE CAN'T PAY OUR TEACHERS WHAT THEY DESERVE. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF FUNDS AND THIS IS JUST GOING TO CUT MORE INTO THE KIDS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS A COMMENT THAT CITIES DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. THE CITIES DO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY DO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE TAXED. THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD SUPPORTED US AND THEY SAID NO. EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE GOING TO BE PENALIZED FOR IT BECAUSE THEY VALUE THAT THE KIDS ARE IMPORTANT. HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE PUT ON THE BACKS OF THE CHILDREN OF OUR STATE? OUR CHILDREN NEED TO COME FIRST. WE WANT CLEAN WATER, THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY. BUT WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A BETTER WAY TO SUPPORT THE KIDS. YOU SAID YOU GAVE AN AWARD TO THE CHILDREN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS, SIR?

JIM NOVAK: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. I'M JIM NOVAK, I'M THE CHIEF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE



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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, OUR OPERATING BUDGET HAS BEEN CUT BY OVER \$150 MILLION. WE'VE MADE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF CUTS AND HAVE LOST MANY TEACHERS AND WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AND WE'RE STILL MAKING CUTS TO DEAL WITH THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OF OVER \$20 MILLION A YEAR. IF THIS MEASURE IS PASSED, LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL LOSE ANOTHER \$700,000 AND WILL HAVE TO MAKE EVEN DEEPER CUTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND LOSE MORE TEACHERS. ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN ALL L.A. COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE STRUGGLING WITH BUDGET ISSUES, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR THIS MEASURE TO INCLUDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WE ASK THAT YOU DELAY THE PROCESS, TAKE THE TIME TO RESTRUCTURE THE MEASURE IN A FASHION THAT APPROPRIATELY EXEMPTS SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? AND THE PERSON WAITING SHOULD COME FORWARD. SIR?

SHAWN GATEWOOD: HI. SHAWN GATEWOOD, DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AT EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'RE HERE TODAY JUST TO SAY THAT WE, LIKE A LOT OF OUR COLLEAGUES OUT HERE, APPROVE OF CLEAN WATER. AND WE TEACH ABOUT IT IN OUR SCHOOLS EVERY DAY, POLLUTION. BUT WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE THAT THE TIMING IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE, AS MANY OTHER DISTRICTS



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HAVE SAID HERE TODAY. AND THAT WE JUST WISH THAT THERE WAS A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION OUT THERE, A LITTLE MORE CLEAR INFORMATION AND NOT AS MUCH CONFUSION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JOEL SHAWN: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND BOARD MEMBERS. I'LL BE VERY BRIEF BECAUSE WE'RE REPEATING OURSELVES. BASICALLY WE JUST NEED MORE TIME. I'M JOEL SHAWN, I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE MET WITH STAFF FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEY ASKED THAT WE PARTNER WITH THEM AND WE ASKED THE SAME THING. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE SUPERVISORS TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS FOR AT LEAST A YEAR BECAUSE WE THINK IT WOULD BE A YEAR, GIVEN THAT OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION'S BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS THE LAST FIVE YEARS, AND NOW WITH PROP 30, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL TEACHERS BEING LAID OFF. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WANTS THAT. WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE CLEAN WATER AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOUR AGENCIES BUT WE NEED TIME TO DID THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM?



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LINDA KAMINSKI: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, MY NAME IS LINDA KAMINSKI, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WELCOME.

LINDA KAMINSKI: I'M HERE ALSO TO PROTEST THIS AND AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT AND THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPOSAL AND LACK OF ENGAGEMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AT THE MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HAD SO FAR. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS THAT SCHOOLS COULD MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THIS BY PAYING A FEE, HAVING SOME OF THAT MONEY RETURNED, AND USING THAT TO OFFER CURRICULUM. HOWEVER, BY PAYING THE FEE, WE ACTUALLY LOSE A TEACHER, WHO WOULD BE DELIVERING THE CURRICULUM. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ENGAGE IN A FULL THOUGHTFUL PROCESS TO DEVELOP ANY KIND OF PROPOSAL AND NOT SOMETHING THAT'S DONE ON A VERY SHORT TIMELINE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

ADELE ANDRADE-STADLER: CHAIRMAN, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ADELE ANDRADE-STADLER, I'M A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING US ALL



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HERE TODAY, SUPERVISORS. WE'D LIKE TO MAKE A BIG THANK YOU TO MICHAEL ANTONOVICH FOR VOTING NO ON THIS AND SEEING IT DIRECTLY IMPACTING OUR SCHOOLS. WE HAVE RAISED CLASS SIZES. WE HAVE CUT OUR ORCHESTRAS. WE HAVE MADE CUTS TO OUR SUPPORT STAFF AND TO OUR TEACHERS. WE'RE NOT FILLING VACANCIES. WE ARE STILL HOLDING OUR BREATH WITH RESPECT TO SEQUESTRATION. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO COME DOWN THE LINE ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS. SO WE'RE JUST ASKING YOU TO RE-VISIT THE SCHOOLS. YOU CAN TAX ME, BUT PLEASE DON'T TAX OUR SCHOOLS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

ELLEN DOUGHERTY: HI. I'M ELLEN DOUGHERTY, I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT IN LAWNSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND I'M HERE JUST TO AGAIN SAY THAT I THINK THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS HAS NOT BEEN TRANSPARENT AND IT HAS NOT BROUGHT FORTH CLEAR INFORMATION. ON OUR MEETING ON JANUARY 7 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALL THE PLANS WERE NEBULOUS. THE MORE QUESTIONS WE ASKED, THE LESS INFORMATION WE RECEIVED. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE TAX WOULD BE PAID BACK TO OUR GENERAL FUND, THEN WE WERE TOLD WE WOULD HAVE TO SEND IT FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS. THIS IS NOT WELL THOUGHT OUT, AND THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS THAT ARE NOT ANSWERED. PUSHING THIS THROUGH TO FEBRUARY WOULD NOT GIVE US ENOUGH TIME. PLEASE GIVE US TIME TO PARTNER, TO WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS A SOLUTION FOR ALL. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. DAVID KEMP FOLLOWED BY KAREN KIMMEL, PEDRO SALCIDO, MARK WINGER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. SIR, YOUR NAME.

MARK HANSBERGER: MARK HANSBERGER, HACIENDA-LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES. I'M HERE TO SPEAK AGAINST THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF THE FEE ON OUR DISTRICT COULD BE \$402,000 A YEAR. THAT EQUATES TO ROUGHLY FIVE TEACHERS -- SOME VERY INITIAL INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THIS FEE WOULD FLOW BACK TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. BUT THE INFORMATION SO FAR, AS MANY OTHERS HAVE SAID, HAS BEEN VERY SUPERFICIAL. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND HOW THE TIMING OF THIS WOULD WORK. WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION AND GIVE THIS MATTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER IS? SIR?

DAVE KEMP: MY NAME IS DAVE KEMP. I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND THANK YOU, MR. THOMAS AND BOARD MEMBERS, FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY. BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECENTLY PASSED A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FEE. AND AS



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YOU ALL KNOW, PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING IS VERY UNCERTAIN THESE DAYS. AND THIS FEE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON THE DISTRICT AND ON OUR STUDENTS. WE OPPOSE THIS MEASURE, AND WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL RECONSIDER ANY ACTION MOVING FORWARD ON THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MA'AM?

KAREN KIMMEL: I'M KAREN KIMMEL. I AM THE C.P.O. FOR LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DISTRICT. DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, I'D LIKE TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO THE LOS ANGELES CLEAN WATER ACT. ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSED WATER MEASURE IS ONE MEANS OF ADDRESSING AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC POLICY MATTER, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEASURE MUST BE BALANCED AGAINST FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL CUTS TO INSTRUCTIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS PARCEL OWNERS ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM PAYING THESE FEES, RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$14 MILLION CHARGED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS COUNTYWIDE, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATED 148,000 TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'VE LOST OVER \$10 MILLION IN REVENUES FROM OUR BUDGET FROM THE STATE CUTS. AND WITH THESE HUGE CUTS, WE'RE STILL DEFICIT SPENDING. SO WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER RESTRUCTURING THIS MEASURE TO EXEMPT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CONSIDER THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC EDUCATION.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
SIR?

MARC WINGER: MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. I'M MARC WINGER, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, CASTAIC, NEWHALL, SULPHUR SPRINGS, SAUGUS AND THE WILLIAM S. HART HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. COLLECTIVELY WE REPRESENT OVER 50,000 STUDENTS AND THE FEE FOR US COLLECTIVELY WOULD BE OVER \$600,000. AND THOSE OF US WITH PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA ALREADY PAY THIS FEE. THIS FEE WOULD TAKE GENERAL FUND OPERATIONAL DOLLARS AT A TIME WHEN WE JUST STABILIZED OUR REVENUE FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. WE'VE BEEN CUTTING OUR PROGRAMS. WE'VE HAD A 22 PERCENT REDUCTION IN FUNDING. IN EFFECT, THESE FEES CONSTITUTE ANOTHER CUT IN FUNDING FOR US. WE'VE HEARD VAGUE PROMISES ABOUT HOW THE FEE MIGHT COME BACK TO THE DISTRICTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEFINED INSTRUCTIONAL AND CAPITAL USES. OUR BOARDS AND SUPERINTENDENTS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SWAPPING OF OPERATIONAL DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DICTATED USES IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES. WE FEEL THE APPLICATION OF THIS INITIATIVE TO SCHOOLS IS ILL ADVISED, DUPLICATIVE OF EFFORTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND HARMFUL TO OUR BUDGETS. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER.

PEDRO SALCIDO: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS. PEDRO SALCIDO, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO ACTUALLY SUBMIT A LETTER ON BEHALF OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DAISY AS WELL AS CONVEY TO YOU THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOS ANGELES ACTUALLY JUST APPROVED THE RESOLUTION. THIS MEASURE, IF APPROVED, WOULD IMPOSE AN ANNUAL FEE OF 4.8 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM L.A.U.S.D.'S GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECENT EFFORTS OF COUNTY STAFF TO RESOLVE THE FISCAL IMPACT, THE FISCAL ISSUES TO SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING CONCERNS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL PROGRAM AND THE SUBSTANTIAL ANNUAL IMPACT TO OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS, L.A.U.S.D. RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES THE MEASURE IN ITS CURRENT FORM. I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT ALL 3,764 PARCELS IN PROTEST TO THIS FEE. HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT WILL RECONSIDER ITS OPPOSITION TO THE MEASURE IF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ABLE TO SECURE A FULL EXEMPTION FROM THE FEE OR PARTICIPATE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

PEDRO SALCIDO: IN THE YET TO BE ESTABLISHED PROGRAM. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS CALLED A MATTER TO MY ATTENTION. PLEASE PROCEED, MA'AM.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. ON ITEM 19, THERE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WANTED TO SPEAK EARLIER BEFORE WE STARTED THE PROCEEDINGS ON ITEM NO. 40. AND SHE WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE LINE OUTSIDE. SO IF WE COULD JUST TABLE ITEM 40 FOR JUST A QUICK MOMENT TO HAVE HER TESTIFY ON ITEM 19 AND THEN WE'LL PROCEED BACK TO ITEM NO. 40.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE'LL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE WILL CALL AGAIN SAMANTHA AZULAY, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD TO BE HEARD AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO RESUME THE HEARING. MA'AM, PLEASE COME FORWARD?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: AND MR. CHAIRMAN, IF WE COULD RECONSIDER ITEM 19 AS SHE'S COMING UP.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I MOVE RECONSIDERATION OF 19.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: PROMPTLY MOVED AND RECONSIDERED. IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S BEEN SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO



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OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR TESTIMONY.

SAMANTHA AZULAY: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SQUEEZE ME IN HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF ANOTHER ITEM. ONCE AGAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS COME BEFORE YOU WITH ITEM 19 ASKING TO APPROVE ANOTHER SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT. ONCE AGAIN THE ONLY JUSTIFICATION ASSERTED, AT LEAST TO THE PUBLIC, IS THAT THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR IS "UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO DO THIS WORK." NOTHING MORE. APPARENTLY D.P.H. THINKS THAT NOTHING MORE IS NEEDED. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE CONTRACTING MECHANISM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS BROKEN. PERHAPS BEYOND REPAIR. RELATIVE TO EVERY OTHER COUNTY AGENCY, SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING IS STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICE IN D.P.H.'S DEPARTMENT. YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED REPORTS REGARDING SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING IN L.A. COUNTY. IN FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, D.P.H. ENTERED INTO 144 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$250,000. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW MANY OVER THAT AMOUNT WERE ALSO ENTERED INTO BECAUSE THAT INFORMATION WAS CONSPICUOUSLY LEFT OUT OF THE REPORT. IN FISCAL YEAR 2010-11, 72 PERCENT OF ALL SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$250,000 ORIGINATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IT'S UNCLEAR HOW MANY OVER THAT AMOUNT WERE ALSO DONE BECAUSE THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT PROVIDED. THE OTHER 34 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONLY 28 PERCENT OF ALL SOLE-SOURCE



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CONTRACTS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, 44 PERCENT OF ALL SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$250,000 ORIGINATED IN D.P.H. AGAIN, IT'S UNCLEAR HOW MANY OF THOSE WERE UNDER 250,000. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT SO INNOCENT, EITHER. ON JUNE 6 OF 2012, SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTED YET ANOTHER SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT THAT D.H.S. HAD ENTERED INTO, FINDING THAT THE CONTRACT CAN AND SHOULD BE BID UNDER COUNTY LAW. DESPITE ASSERTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT WOULD BID, SOME SEVEN MONTHS LATER, IT STILL HAS NOT. HOWEVER, COMPARED TO D.P.H., D.H.S.'S TRACK RECORD DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD. DURING THE SAME THREE YEARS THAT D.P.H. ENTERED INTO 297 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ENTERED INTO 18 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS. D.P.H.'S REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH COUNTY CONTRACTING LAW CONTINUES AND HAS ERODED THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. IT IS APPARENT THAT D.P.H. PREFERS GOVERNING BY LAZINESS, CRISIS AND CRONYISM AND UNLESS AND UNTIL THE HEAD OF D.P.H. NO LONGER IS IN THAT POSITION, THIS IS GOING TO GO ON. A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OPPOSES THE APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT UNTIL D.P.H. ADEQUATELY JUSTIFIES ANY NEED FOR SOLE-SOURCING OR UNTIL IT IS BID AND CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF D.P.H., GIVEN THESE CORRUPT AND CONSTANT PRACTICES. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. IS THERE A SECOND? IT HAS BEEN



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SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT THE C.E.O. HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A FULL REPORT ON SOLE- SOURCING, AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL SEE THAT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH. ALL RIGHT. LET'S RESUME THE HEARING ON ITEM NO. 40. WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I NOW CALL ON MARK GOLD, JAMES WALSH. FRANK LOPEZ, AND PAMELA ULICH. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME NOW, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROGER CHANG, IF YOU ARE READY, ARNOLD SACHS, MICHAEL LEWIS AND JIM MC QUISTON. ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD FIND YOUR WAY TO THE MICROPHONE QUICKLY, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE. DR. GOLD, WELCOME AND PROCEED.

MARK GOLD: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AS A LONGTIME FORMER PRESIDENT OF HEAL THE BAY AND WALTER QUALITY SCIENTIST THAT HAS STUDIED THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF POLLUTED RUNOFF ON HUMAN HEALTH AND AQUATIC LIFE FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS, I STRONGLY SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THIS MEASURE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WATER QUALITY, WATER SUPPLY, AND FLOOD CONTROL MEASURE THAT THE REGION HAS EVER SEEN. ALSO, IT IS AN EQUITABLE COUNTY-WIDE WAY TO MOVE FORWARD ON LONG OVERDUE EFFORTS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND AQUATIC LIFE. THIS MEASURE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY



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AND ENABLED BY STATE LEGISLATION, A PROCESS THAT HAS TAKEN OVER FIVE YEARS. WE NEED TO INVEST IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND A SUSTAINABLE WATER FUTURE NOW RATHER THAN LATER WHEN COSTS WILL GO UP DRAMATICALLY. A COUNTY-WIDE APPROACH IS SO MUCH MORE COST EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY EFFECTIVE THAN HAVING EVERY CITY FENDING FOR THEMSELVES. THIS MEASURE WILL NOT PASS WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD. THE MEASURE MUST INCLUDE STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, INCLUDING AN APPROVED ORDINANCE AND SELECTION CRITERIA BEFORE THE VOTE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

JIM WALSH: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JIM WALSH. I'M JUST A CITIZEN OF LONG BEACH. I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR CONSTITUENCY TO REPRESENT. MY SPLENDID LOCAL NEWSPAPER, THE "GRUNION GAZETTE," TOOK ISSUE WITH THIS PROPOSAL AND ALSO DID A STORY THAT RAISED TWO QUESTIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE SUNSET PROVISION, THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ONE. AND THE SECOND IS THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A SUFFICIENT CABINING OF THE REVENUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE GENERATED BY THIS TO DIRECT TO PARTICULAR SOURCES OR PROJECTS. I ASSUME THAT'S GOING TO BE ADDRESSED AT SOME POINT DOWN THE ROAD. BUT I HEARD AN EARLIER PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE A 30-YEAR SUNSET PROVISION. 30 YEARS FOR ME IS A LIFETIME. A 30-YEAR



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SUNSET PROVISION IS NO SUNSET PROVISION AT ALL. I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT I DID 30 DAYS AGO LET ALONE 30 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD. NOBODY ELSE IS GOING TO REMEMBER, EITHER.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: LET ME ASSURE YOU I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED. OTHER SPEAKERS? PLEASE JOIN US.

PAMELA CONLEY: DON'T START UNTIL I GET TO MY SEAT, PLEASE. SORRY, I LOST FOUR SECONDS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PAMELA CONLEY-HULIG. I'M A FORMER MAYOR BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY OF MALIBU OF COSTA CITY. I'M A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN WHO USE THE WATER, THEY'RE JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS. I LIKE WHAT GLORIA MOLINA SAID ABOUT THIS IS MISINFORMATION. BUT WHO CREATED THIS MISINFORMATION? THIS IS WHAT YOU GUYS SENT. THIS IS ABOUT THE PUBLIC TRUST. I THREW IT AWAY. THIS IS MY NEIGHBOR'S, THANK GOD THEY MADE A COPY. IF I, WHO LOOK OUT FOR THESE ISSUES, DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, THEN A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE, IF YOU WANT TO GARNER TRUST, SUPPORT, BE OPEN, BE HONEST. IS IT A FEE? IS IT A TAX? BE HONEST WITH THE PEOPLE. WHY NOT GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE TIME TO STUDY THIS ISSUE, TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES IF WE DON'T SUPPORT IT? WHY NOT PUT IT TO A VOTE TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE? PLEASE DO IT IN AN ELECTION



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AND NOT IN A MAIL-IN WHERE MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME MIGHT THROW IT OUT AGAIN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

PAMELA CONLEY: THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: YOU, TOO. ALL RIGHT, THE OTHER NAMES THAT I CALLED PLEASE COME FORWARD.

FRANK LOPEZ: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRANK LOPEZ AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES. THE CHAMBER IS A MEMBER OF THE BIZFED COALITION WORKING TO IMPROVE THIS MEASURE AND WE'RE CONCERNED WITH THE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS THIS MEASURE WILL HAVE ON PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. SEVERAL CHAMBERS MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED FEE ON THEIR PROPERTY WOULD EXCEED \$1 MILLION PER YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS FEE WILL HELP CITIES COMPLY WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, BUT THE PROPOSAL THUS FAR HAS LACKED THE PROPER PROCESS FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND WILL FACE BROAD OPPOSITION IF PRESENTED TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN ITS CURRENT FORM. THE LACK OF INPUT SOUGHT FROM PROPERTY OWNERS ON THIS ISSUE HAS RESULTED IN A DEARTH OF TRANSPARENCY IN THE



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COUNTY STANDARDS THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD DEMAND OF A FEE OF THIS SCALE. THEREFORE WE ASK THAT THE FINAL REVISED ORDINANCE, THE PROJECT CRITERIA, THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE THIS MEASURE IS PUT TO A VOTE SO PROPERTY OWNERS ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT THEY'LL BE VOTING FOR AND TO CONSIDER. WE URGE YOU TO POSTPONE ANY ACTION ON THIS MEASURE UNTIL THE CONCERNS RAISED --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. THE MIC IS YOURS.

ROGER CHANG: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ROGER CHANG, AND I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN. I BELIEVE ONE ASPECT OF THE PROPOSED FEE POLICY IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED AND INCONSISTENT WITH STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ACTIONS. I REQUEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROPOSED PARCEL FEES. THE STATE WATER BOARD, WHICH IS THE DESIGNATED AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT, HAS MADE NUMEROUS POLICY REVISIONS IN THEIR WATER PERMITS TO EXCLUDE AND DEFER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE COST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THERE IS A PRECEDENT FOR EXCLUSION FOR EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES. THE IRONY IN THE PARCEL TAX FEE POLICY



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IS THAT THE BULK OF THE FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER AGENCIES IS FOR WATER PERMIT REGULATIONS THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

ROGER CHANG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. SIR?

MIKE LEWIS: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MIKE LEWIS. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COALITION ON WATER QUALITY. YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR A LOT OF TESTIMONY ABOUT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS OF THIS INITIATIVE AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS ABOUT IT. LET ME HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE. FIRST OF ALL, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE BIZFED ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT THE EFFORT THAT THEY'VE PUT FORWARD TO TRY TO FIX THIS ORDINANCE. WE BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE A SUNSET. I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO ASK THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO PAY FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL GO ON FOREVER AND THAT THIS CAN'T BE SOLVED AT SOME POINT AND REDUCE THIS FEE. SECONDLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE VERY SPECIFIC CRITERIA ABOUT HOW THIS MONEY GETS SPENT. IT'S NOT FAIR FOR ONE CITY TO BE ABLE TO REDUCE POLLUTION FOR \$10 A GALLON AND ANOTHER TO SPEND \$10,000 A



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GALLON TO DO THE SAME THING. FINALLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE A VERY SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS WITH THIS PROPOSAL. IT'S NOT FAIR TO ASK THE TAXPAYERS TO TURN OVER BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND NOT IDENTIFY EXACTLY HOW YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND IT. WE'D LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME SO BIZFED CAN WORK WITH YOU TO FIX THIS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU ARE YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR. LET ME CALL JAN BAIRD AND LEIGHTON ANDERSON AS WELL AS CRAIG SAP, IF THE THREE OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

SPEAKER: CHAIRMAN, QUESTION. WE DON'T HAVE ANY RUNOFF OFF OF ANY OF OUR PROPERTIES. WE HAVE IT ALL LEACHED INTO THE GROUND. BUT I MUST SAY THIS. MOST PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T KNOW THEY OWN THE STREETS. AND THERE'S RUNOFF GOING THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY THAT THEY'RE NOT TAKING CARE OF. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO ABOUT THAT IS TO PROHIBIT A CITY OR A DIVISION LIKE THAT FROM POLLUTING THEIR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS. AND THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ENTITIES CAN TAKE CARE OF IT BY THEMSELVES. BUT THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 13 C AND D AND ALSO SECTION 65-480. SO THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A LOT OF LITIGATION THAT COULD BE ELIMINATED BY THIS ALTERNATE APPROACH.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

JAN BAIRD: MY NAME IS JAN BAIRD AND I'M A TRUSTEE WITH THE SOUTH WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT. OUR SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF 6 ELEMENTARY AND ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BEING ASKED TO COME UP WITH OVER \$64,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE CLEAN WATER MEASURE. JUST TWO YEARS AGO, OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT HAD TO LAY OFF 15 TEACHERS DUE TO A VERY RESTRICTIVE BUDGET. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PASSAGE OF THIS CLEAN WATER MEASURE COULD TAKE AWAY ONE MORE TEACHER. IN OUR DISTRICT, WE SQUEEZE EACH NICKEL TWICE TO BE SURE WE ARE GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH. WE HAVE NOTHING TO SPARE. THIS MONEY COULD GO TOWARD THE CLEAN WATER MEASURE OR A TEACHER'S SALARY. I AM AWARE OF THE URGENT NEED TO EDUCATE EVERYONE ON THE CAUSE AND EFFECT OF POLLUTED WATER, BUT I'M PLEADING WITH YOU TO FIND ANOTHER MEANS TO CHARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS A SUBSTANTIAL TAX INCREASE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

LEIGHTON ANDERSON: SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS LEIGHTON ANDERSON. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE OPPOSE THE WATER RUNOFF MEASURE. THE WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVES 13,000 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE HAVE ACHIEVED PROVEN SUCCESS FOR THE MOST



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UNDERSERVED STUDENT POPULATIONS. AND WE HAVE OPENED DOORS FOR THOSE STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN LIFE. BUT OUR WORK HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY MANY YEARS OF SEVERE FUNDING LIMITATIONS. IT IS TRAGIC TO FIND THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOW PROPOSES TO MAKE OUR JOBS EVEN HARDER BY IMPOSING MILLIONS IN HIDDEN TAXES ON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. IN NOVEMBER'S ELECTIONS, CALIFORNIA VOTERS DEMONSTRATED THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. DON'T BETRAY THEM BY TAKING MILLIONS FROM OUR SCHOOLS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

CRAIG SAP: CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISORS, I'M CRAIG SAP, ANGELES DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FOR STATE PARKS. AS A MANAGER OF OPEN SPACE, I'M KEENLY AWARE OF THE STORM WATER ISSUES. AND THE STATE PARKS SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN MANAGING STORM WATER POLLUTION. HOWEVER, AS A STEWARD OF 50,000 ACRES WITHIN THE ANGELES DISTRICT, MY CONCERN IS THIS MEASURE, IF IMPLEMENTED WILL BE A HUGE BURDEN UPON MY CURRENT ALLOCATION. HAVING SAID THAT, IF THE MEASURE DOES PASS, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT 3, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, AND HIS STAFF AND HOPEFULLY WORKING OUT SOME KIND OF EXEMPTION THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE RATE BASED UPON A CRITERIA SUCH AS THE STATE PARKS IMPLEMENTING LOW



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IMPACT DESIGNS WITHIN ALL OUR PARKS. ALL OF OUR PARKS ESPECIALLY MALIBU LAGOON, RETAINS ALL OF OUR STORM WATER, IN FACT TAKES STORM WATER FROM ADJOINING PROPERTIES. SO I THINK IF THAT MEASURE DOES PASS, WE WOULD HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO OFFSET THOSE COSTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ARNOLD SACHS, MICHAEL LEWIS, ERIC PREVEN AND RENE GAMERO. PROCEED, PLEASE.

ERIC PREVEN: YES, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO HEAR FROM SO MANY OF THESE EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE SO WORRIED ABOUT THEIR BUDGETS. AND WHEN YOU TRY TO EVALUATE THIS, JUST AS SOMEBODY WHO IS PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS, THIS IS GOING TO BE ABOUT \$295 MILLION TO GO TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, IT'S VERY HARD TO HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT'S EXACTLY HAPPENING. LAST WEEK WE SPENT \$25 MILLION SIMILARLY. PREVIOUSLY A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ITEM 33 WE SPENT ANOTHER \$36 MILLION FOR WATER CONSULTANTS. I JUST WOULD HOPE THAT THIS KIND OF AN INITIATIVE, WHICH IS SO -- IT IS AN IMPORTANT GOAL TO CLEAN UP OUR RUNOFF, BUT I JUST WISH THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A REAL ELECTION WHERE THE PUBLIC COULD REALLY VET IT. THIS IS THE KIND OF A RIGGED STORY BECAUSE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, NOBODY REALLY UNDERSTOOD THESE PAMPHLETS. AND AS MUCH AS I



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RESPECT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHO CLEARLY SUPPORTS THIS INITIATIVE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THAT WE DO RESPECT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

ERIC PREVEN: THIS SMELLS BAD AND WE WOULD HOPE THIS WOULD COME FORWARD MORE APPROPRIATELY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

RENE GAMERO: HELLO, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RENE GAMERO, I AM AN ENGINEER. I REPRESENT STORM WATER R.X. AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 1984. NOW, WE ALL WANT CLEAN WATER. NONE OF US WANT TO PAY MORE TAX. WE ALL WANT WELL-EDUCATED CHILDREN. BUT DO WE REALLY WANT TO HIRE MORE TEACHERS THAT DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WITH EVERYTHING THEY DO? NOW, MY -- THE BEST THING TO COME OUT OF THIS MEASURE IS THAT IT STARTS THE DIALOGUE. IT STARTS THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN BUSINESS, RESIDENTS, THOSE THAT ARE IN THE LEAD LIKE THE CITY OF MALIBU, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, ARCADIA, HACIENDA, LAS VIRGENES SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND I HOPE THERE IS AN ALLOTMENT AS THIS MOVES FORWARD FOR THOSE COMPANIES AND CITIES THAT ARE TAKING THE LEAD, APPLYING TREATMENT, AND EDUCATING THEIR RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER STEWARDSHIP MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. WE'VE NOW LISTENED, WE'VE NOW CALLED ON TED EBENKAMP, JOHN MCNEIL, HOLLY SCHROEDER, JEFF FARANO, IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COME NEXT WOULD BE STEVE HANSON. CRISTINA DAVIS. JOE ARAGON, AND ANGEL CABRAL. SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

TED EBENKAMP: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TED EBENKAMP. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND ALSO THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. LAST EVENING AT OUR WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, WE VOTED TO OPPOSE THIS PROJECT. WHILE WE AGREE WITH THE GOAL OF CLEANING UP THE WATER, WE OBJECT TO THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN THIS PROCESS, THE LACK OF DETAIL ON HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT, AND THE LACK OF A SUNSET CLAUSE. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IN YOUR INVOCATION, THE PASTOR MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE 680,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME. MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHERS ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR MORTGAGES. TO DUMP AN ADDITIONAL FEE ON THE BACKS OF THESE PEOPLE THAT MAY CAUSE THEM TO LOSE THEIR HOME IS JUST UNCONSCIONABLE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND FOR THOSE WHO CAME WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR.

JOHN MCNEIL: HELLO. MY NAME IS JOHN MCNEIL, I'M THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS SERVICES FOR WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I SPENT FIVE YEARS AS A LIFEGUARD AT THE BEACH, AT HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH. I'M CURRENTLY STILL OCEAN SWIMMING AND CURRENTLY A SURFER. WE ALL LOVE THE BEACH. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT TO DO. LET ME SPEAK TO YOU FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. FOUR YEARS AGO WE HAD 250 TEACHERS IN OUR DISTRICT. WE HAVE 190 TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT. WE REMAIN THE SAME SIZE. OUR BUDGET INCLUDED ABOUT 64 PERCENT WENT FOR PERSONNEL. CURRENTLY OUR BUDGET NOW INCLUDES ABOUT 86 PERCENT IN PERSONNEL. WE SPENT 2 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET ON UTILITIES. THIS FEE ASSESSED ON OUR DISTRICT WOULD REQUIRE US TO RELEASE THREE TEACHERS. THERE'S A DIRECT CORRELATION. THE COIN OF THE REALM IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE TEACHERS. THIS DEFINITELY HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE THINK. WE WENT FROM 20 TO 1, WE'RE NOW AT 30 TO 1 FOR OUR STUDENTS. AND THIS FEE IMPACTS US. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
MA'AM?

HOLLY SCHROEDER: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, HOLLY SCHROEDER WITH



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THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. THE B.I.A. HAS LONG ADVOCATED FOR REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO STORM WATER WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND COST EFFICIENT THAN THE SPOT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY EMPLOYING. THIS PARCEL FEE EMBRACES THIS CONCEPT AND PROVIDES FUNDING TO MAKE REGIONAL SOLUTIONS POSSIBLE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER ISSUES WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT AT THIS TIME. FIRST AND FOREMOST THE PROPOSED FEE IMPOSES A DOUBLE IF NOT TRIPLE BURDEN ON BUILDERS AND HOMEOWNERS. BUILDERS ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO INSTALL STORM WATER CONTROLS ON SITE TO RETAIN WATER AS REQUIRED BY YOUR LID ORDINANCES AND THE MS-4 PERMIT. THESE INSTALLATIONS COST A LOT AND THEY INCREASE THE COST OF A HOUSE. THE INCREASE THE COST OF THE HOMEOWNERS WHO LIVE THERE. AND THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR IT AND THEN THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY THIS PARCEL FEE. THIS FEE IS ALSO INTENDED TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERMIT BUT WE'RE STILL CONCERNED AT LEAST AS IT RELATES TO LAND DEVELOPMENT, THIS INITIATIVE AND DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCES DO NOT YET ALIGN. ALIGN. AND THIS MUST BE REMEDIED AND A SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS MUST BE IDENTIFIED. WE ASK FOR A DELAY SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. AND YOU SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER



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AVELLAN, CYNTHIA KURTZ AND JEFF WHEELER AND FINALLY JEFF MCCONNELL. PLEASE PROCEED.

JEFF FARANO SR.: GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JAY FARANO. I AM WITH S.A. RECYCLING. S.A. RECYCLING OWNS AND OPERATES 13 METAL RECYCLING FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 26 PARCELS EXISTING OF ABOUT OVER 100 ACRES. OUR PROPERTY INCLUDES TWO LARGE PARCELS IN THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES AND THE PORT OF LONG BEACH. SINCE 2008, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING FEDERAL WATER STANDARDS, S.A. RECYCLING HAS ALREADY SPENT OVER \$2 MILLION TO INSTALL SPECIALIZED STORM WATER CAPTURE DEVICES AND FILTRATION EQUIPMENT THAT CAPTURES AND FILTERS 100 PERCENT OF THE STORM WATER ON SITE. WE HAVE ALSO SPENT UP TO \$15 MILLION COMPANY WIDE ON OUR STORM WATER SYSTEMS. OUR LOS ANGELES HARBOR AND OUR LONG BEACH HARBOR FACILITIES ARE ZERO DISCHARGE FACILITIES, WHICH MEANS THEY EFFECTIVELY KEEP ALL STORM WATER ON SITE FOR REUSE. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE HAVE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED OVER 1 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER STORAGE TANKS AND EXTENSIVE FILTRATION SYSTEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SPEND --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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JEFF FARANO SR.: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MA'AM?

CRISTINA DAVIS: GOOD AFTERNOON, SOUPS. MY NAME IS CRISTINA DAVIS, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.X. COASTAL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REPRESENTING 550 BUSINESSES AND WE'RE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION. AS I ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE, I WILL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. SPECIFIC TO THIS TAX INCREASE, NO SPECIFIC PROJECTS ARE YET ENVISIONED AND THERE'S NO END TO THIS TAX WHICH GOES ON FOREVER, MEANING THAT THERE IS EFFECTIVELY A MASSIVE SLUSH FUND SET UP WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OVERSIGHT. FURTHERMORE, THE METHODOLOGY USED FOR CALCULATING RUNOFF IS FLAWED, PLACING THE BURDEN DISPROPORTIONATELY ON SOME OTHER THAN OTHERS. THE ENTIRE PROCESS IS FLAWED. THE ODDS OF GETTING 50 PERCENT PLUS ONE MAIL BACK RESPONSE TO ANYTHING IS INFINITESIMAL. TAXES OF ANY KIND SHOULD ALL BE TREATED THE SAME. PUT THEM ON THE BALLOT IF YOU THINK THEY ARE WORTHY. TO USE THIS APPROACH IS TO KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY MISLEAD OUR CITIZENS. THIS ILL-CONCEIVED PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE REVERSED. WE CALL ON YOU TO STOP THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR? THE RULES OF THE BOARD DON'T PERMIT APPLAUSE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. SIR?



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JEFF WHEELER: I'M JEFF WHEELER HERE REPRESENTING THE CHURCH OF HOPE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CLEAN WATER. BUT WE FORMALLY PROTEST THIS THE PARTICULAR FEE AND ORDINANCE. WHILE THE OVERALL GOAL OF CLEAN WATER IS ADMIRABLE, THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED AND IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE A COSTLY LEGAL BATTLE THAT JUST IS NOT NECESSARY. AS THE ENCLOSED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH I JUST SUBMITTED SHOWS --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SERGEANT WOULD YOU CLOSE THE REAR DOOR? THANK YOU.

JEFF WHEELER: AS ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPH THAT I JUST SUBMITTED SHOWS, THE PROPERTY IS PRIMARILY OPEN LAND WITH SURFACES OF NATURAL GRASS AND A SMALL PORTION OF GRAVELED ROADWAY. THE PROPERTY GENERATES VERY LITTLE STORM WATER RUNOFF AND NO SIGNIFICANT POLLUTANT LOADS. THE AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE IS LESS THAN 15 PERCENT, AND THE FLAWED FEE CALCULATION PROCEDURE ESTIMATES A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AND CALCULATES AND PROPOSES AN ERRONEOUSLY HIGH FEE OF \$2,752 EACH YEAR. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY SERVICE THAT'S ACTUALLY USED --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR



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TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MA'AM?

JENNIFER AVELLAN: GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. MY NAME IS JENNIFER AVELLAN. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF L.A.C.B.O.R.E. KNOWN AS L.A. COUNTY BOARDS OF REAL ESTATE. L.A.C.B.O.R.E. IS FIRMLY OPPOSED AT THIS PROPOSAL. THERE ARE 18 ASSOCIATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY AND SEVERAL REASONS FOR THE OPPOSITION, IS BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS NOT PROVIDED THE PUBLIC AND PROPERTY OWNERS WITH SUFFICIENT DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECTS. HOW CAN THE COUNTY TAX PROPERTY OWNERS ABOUT 290 MILLION ANNUALLY WITHOUT GIVING THEM ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED PROJECTS? THE COUNTY HAS A POOR TRACK RECORD IN CLEANING OUR WATERWAYS. MOST WATERSHEDS IN OUR COUNTY DO NOT MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS DESPITE THE FACT THE COUNTY SPENT MORE THAN 100 MILLION LAST YEAR ON CLEAN WATER PROGRAMS. WHY SHOULD PROPERTY OWNERS ALLOW THE COUNTY TO RAISE THEIR TAXES FURTHER TO PAY FOR MORE UNSUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS? ALL VOTERS SHOULD HAVE A VOICE FOR THIS MEASURE, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. WHY? BECAUSE ALL RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE MEASURE IF IT PASSES. HIGHER EXPENSES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TRANSLATES TO HIGHER RENTS FOR TENANTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, AFTER WHICH WE WILL HEAR FROM MARCIA HANSCOM, PHILLIP NAZAROFF. ARTHUR PHOURDE, IN THAT ORDER.



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CYNTHIA KURTZ: THANK YOU FOR CHANCE TO TESTIFY I'M CYNTHIA KURTZ FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. WE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTING THE PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ASKING FOR A DELAY IN THE MEASURE THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES NEED TO IMPLEMENT NEW REQUIREMENTS. BUT THE LACK OF INCENTIVES, THE LACK OF PROJECT LISTS, PROJECT CRITERIA AND OTHER CONCERNS WITH THIS MEASURE WE BELIEVE NEED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THIS MEASURE SHOULD GO FORWARD. THERE IS A BETTER SOLUTION. AND WE ARE DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FIND THAT SOLUTION. AND WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE US THE TIME WE NEED IN ORDER TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

ANGEL CABRAL: MY NAME IS ANGEL CABRAL. I REPRESENT THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF SOUTH WHITTIER. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. I OWN MORE THAN 10 PARCELS. I LISTENED TO THE LADY THAT WAS THE FIRST PRESENTER HERE FOR THIS THING, THAT SHE DID THIS, SHE DID THAT. SHE'S CALLED IT A FEE. IT'S A TAX. WHAT CAN'T YOU SEE THAT IT'S A TAX? PROPOSITION 13 BY HOWARD JARVIS SAID NO TAXATION WITHOUT A REPRESENTATION OF THE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY



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OF THE PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE.] YOU SUPERVISORS ARE LIKE THE SHEEP HERDERS. YOU WERE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THE FLOCK. GO BACK TO AN OLD SAYING, "SILENCE OF THE LAMBS." SHE TRIED TO DO A REAL GOOD JOB OF SILENCING THE PUBLIC BY SENDING OUT THIS MAILER. IT WAS LIKE JUNK MAIL.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE ADDITIONAL PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD AND WE'D LIKE FOR YOU TO PROCEED NOW.

SPEAKER: I BELIEVE I WAS LAST.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR NAME?

SPEAKER: I BELIEVE I WAS LAST.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED. AFTER WHICH WE'LL HEAR FROM TERRY DIPPLE, ANDREW CHATT AND MARIA DAHDOUN, AND JONAS PETERSON. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP THE PACE A LITTLE BIT. I KNOW THAT IT'S AROUND LUNCHTIME, BUT THAT MEANS WE JUST ACCELERATE. ALL RIGHT? MA'AM?

MARCIA HANSCOM: GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MARSHA HANSCOM WITH THE WETLANDS DEFENSE FUND AND



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THE BALLONA INSTITUTE. I HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH WETLANDS AND PROTECTING THEM FOR 20 YEARS. AND I AM FOR CLEAN BEACHES AND CLEAN WATER, BUT I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE. THE NEW NORMAL FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SEEMS TO BE TO CALL RESTORATION BULLDOZING OF WETLAND HABITAT MUCH LIKE WE SAW AT SEPULVEDA BASIN WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RECENTLY. AND THE NEXT TARGET THAT SOME OF THESE FOLKS HAVE IN MIND, INCLUDING THE SANTA MONICA BAY COMMISSION IS THE, BALLONA WETLANDS. NOW SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHO IS NO LONGER HERE, I SAT IN HIS OFFICE IN 1999 WITH DON HENLEY OF THE EAGLES, AND HE SAID TO ME AT THAT TIME THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO WHATEVER HE COULD TO HELP US SAVE THE WETLANDS, BUT HE COULD NOT BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL REALITIES AT THE TIME. WELL THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR HIM TO HELP. AND I HOPE HIS STAFF WILL TELL HIM THAT WE WOULD LIKE HIM TO EITHER DENY APPROVAL OF THIS MEASURE OR REQUIRE THAT NO FUNDS FROM THIS MEASURE GO TO ANY WETLAND HABITATS OR NATURAL AREAS INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THE HISTORICAL BALLONA WETLANDS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

MARCIA HANSCOM: I'M SORRY?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EX WIRED.



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MARCIA HANSCOM: WELL MY IN-LAWS COULD NOT BE HERE EITHER. AND THEY ARE ON FIXED INCOMES. THEY DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS A FIRST LANGUAGE. AND I AM PROTESTING ON THEIR BEHALF, TOO. AND I WAS DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT ONLY PROTESTS IN WRITING. NOW HOW IS THAT WHEN THAT IS NOT WHAT WAS SAID ON THE NOTICE FOR THIS HEARING? SO I AM PROTESTING FOR THEM AND SAYER STREET IN SILMAR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SIR?

PHILLIP NAZAROFF: PHILLIP NAZAROFF, WHITTIER. WE'RE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND WE'RE OPPOSED TO THE FEE. WE WOULD BE FACING ABOUT \$3,000 IN NEW TAXES. AND LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT IS, OKAY? IT'S A TAX. WE PROVIDE LOW INCOME HOUSING TO THE COMMUNITY. WE IN FACT PROVIDE THE BEST, NICEST, CLEANEST PLACES THESE PEOPLE CAN AFFORD. AND WE'VE BEEN HOLDING THE LINE ON RENT INCREASES SINCE THE RECESSION BEGAN. THIS WILL REPRESENT THE STRAW THAT BREAKS THE CAMEL'S BACK FOR US. AND UNFORTUNATELY, OUR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS WILL BE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THIS BURDEN. MANY PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS COUNTY ARE ON FIXED INCOMES. PEOPLE MADE CERTAIN TAX ASSUMPTIONS WHEN THEY PURCHASED THEIR PROPERTY. AND TO ALL OF A SUDDEN CHANGE THAT IS GOING TO REALLY AFFECT ELDERLY PEOPLE, RETIREES ON FIXED INCOMES. IN ADDITION, THE HOUSING MARKET, IN CASE EVERYONE DOESN'T KNOW, IS NOT DOING GREAT. SO LET'S THROW



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ANOTHER TAX ON TOP OF THAT TO STYMIE THAT RECOVERY. THAT'S A REAL GOOD IDEA, GUYS. MISS MOLINA SAYS THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, MAY I SAY THAT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

PHILLIP NAZAROFF: I DON'T KNOW THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THE CONSEQUENCES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

SPEAKER: MR. CHAIRMAN, PRIOR TO STARTING, MAY I ASK IF THIS CONTENT OF MY SPEECH HERE TODAY BE ENTERED INTO THE FULL RECORD OF THIS HEARING?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT SUCH IS THE CASE. READ AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. TURN THE BALANCE OVER TO THE SERGEANT. PROCEED.

SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT. MAY I HAVE MY TIME RESTARTED, PLEASE?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WELL WE'LL CONSIDER IT, GO AHEAD. START AGAIN.



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SPEAKER: MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS. HERE I AM COME BEFORE YOU THIS DAY TO VIGOROUSLY, VEHEMENTLY, AND EXUBERANTLY PROTEST PROFOUNDLY THE ATTEMPT OF THIS BODY TO RAPE THE POCKETS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY BY ASKING FOR A NEW TAX. THE PROPOSAL YOU HAVE DECIDED TO PURSUE HERE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A WAY TO AGGRAVATE AND EXACERBATE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST, CONFIDENCE AND FAITH THAT YOU KNOW AND RECOGNIZE THE CHAIRS YOU SIT IN ARE NOT YOURS BUT THEY ARE OURS. [APPLAUSE.] THAT IS THE CHAIRS OF WE THE PEOPLE. IN THE PAST, I HAVE COME TO THIS CHAMBER TO DEFEND THE COUNTY SEAL. AND WHEN I WAS HERE I SAW NOTHING WHICH SHOWED COURAGE TO STAND WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. NO, INSTEAD I FOUND TWO OF THE THREE SUPERVISORS HERE HAVE VOTED FOR THE CURRENT ISSUE THAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY, CAVING INTO SPECIAL INTERESTS WHO HAD AN AGENDA FOR THE COUNTY AT THE TIME. IT IS TIME FOR THIS BODY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS TO STAND WITH THE WE THE PEOPLE FOR ONCE AND HEAR OUR PASSIONATE PLEAS FOR SANITY IN GOVERNMENT AND NOT IGNORE THIS BODY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

SPEAKER: ALONG WITH CITIZENS WHO WILL BE DEEPLY IMPACTED BY YOUR --



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS. PLEASE PROCEED.

MARIO CARRASCO: WITH ALL DUE TO RESPECT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS MARIO CARRASCO, JUST A SIMPLE -- HOMEOWNER WHO HAS ACTUALLY MADE AN AMERICAN DREAM POSSIBLE. AND I'M IN HERE TO PROTEST THE FACT THAT THIS BOARD HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN UPON YOURSELVES TO MAKE A DECISION IN SUCH A HOT ISSUE. I APPLAUD SO FAR TO MR. ANTONOVICH, MR. DON KNABE FOR OPPOSING THIS BUT I THINK THIS SHOULD BE ACTUALLY LEFT ON A GENERAL ELECTION OF FULL BALLOT. I WANT TO REMIND YOU, SIR, AS A U.S. CITIZEN, NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZENS, WE ARE REQUIRED TO LEARN THE GOVERNMENT. AND IF I DON'T REMEMBER RIGHT, WILL YOU PLEASE REPEAT THOSE WORDS IN THE BACK OF THE WALL? THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT ON A GENERAL ELECTION. NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU, SIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MA'AM, PLEASE. YOU CAN STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE. THE MICROPHONE IS GOOD WHERE YOU ARE.

MARIA DAHDOUNH: MY NAME IS MARIA DAHDOUNH. I'M A HOUSEWIFE. MY



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HUSBAND, HE OWNS PROPERTY. I'M ON THE TITLE WITH HIM. I'M SAYING THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE ENOUGH HARD TIMES AND VACANCY FACTORS. CLEAN WATER IS FINE WHAT YOU GUYS SAYING, BUT FOR HOW LONG YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE TAXES, MORE TAXES IN THESE PROPERTIES AND INCLUDING MORE BILLS? REPRESENTATION THAT DIDN'T SAY NO MORE TAXES. IN HERE YOU GUYS SENT US THE LITTLE NOTE SAYING THAT MORE MONEY TO PAY? RIGHT NOW IN THIS RECESSION TIME. EVEN \$99 IS EXPENSIVE FOR US FOR PROPERTY OWNERS BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS TAXES AND MORE AND MORE BILLS TO PAY WATER. AND MORE BILLS TO PAY GAS. I THINK IT'S ENOUGH. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MA'AM. ALL RIGHT. SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, PLEASE PROCEED.

ANDREW CHATT: ANDREW CHATT, MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER. I'M DROWNING IN FEES, NOT STORM WATER. [LAUGHTER.] I PAY FEES, TOO.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WAIT A MINUTE, NOW. I'VE ALREADY ADMONISHED ONE SPEAKER FOR COMING IN HERE AND HAVING BETTER LINES THAN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD. NOW, ANYBODY ELSE WHO DOES THAT, YOU WON'T BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK. PROCEED, SIR.



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ANDREW CHATT: YOU HAD A GOOD LINE EARLIER. YOU CAME BACK.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, YOU CAN GO ON, THEN.
GIVE HIM FIVE MINUTES. HE CAN TALK FIVE MINUTES NOW. GO AHEAD.
[LAUGHTER.] PROCEED.

ANDREW CHATT: I PAY FEES TO THE RENT CONTROL BOARD TO TELL ME
I CAN'T PASS THESE FEES ON TO MY RESIDENTS. SO IT MAKES IT
REALLY HARD TO RUN THE PARK. WE'RE A FEW FEES AWAY FROM
BANKRUPTCY. AND THE THING IS, WE LEACH OUR STORM WATER INTO
THE GROUND. SO WE WANT A FORM TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT BECAUSE
WE FEEL IT'S UNFAIR WHEN WE'RE LEACHING A LOT OF OUR STORM
WATER BACK INTO THE GROUND. THAT'S ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SAY.
THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU GAVE ME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHTY. GENTLEMEN?

PETER LIN: THIS IS PETER LIN. I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN OF LOS
ANGELES COUNTY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES, SIR.

PETER LIN: I MOVE INTO LOS ANGELES COUNTY 20 YEARS AGO FROM
HAWAII. I THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT CITY TO LIVE. FOR THE



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LAST 20 YEARS FOR SO MANY TIMES I BRING MY KID TO THE OCEAN, TO THE BEACH. AND UNFORTUNATELY WHEN WE DRIVE ONE HOUR TO THE BEACH, THE POSTS SAY THERE THE WATER QUALITY IS NO GOOD, UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING. SO WE WERE SO DISAPPOINTED, HAD TO GO BACK HOME. SO I THINK THIS CLEAN WATER FEE IS REALLY NECESSARY. BUT WE HAVE TO SET UP A CRITERIA WITH THE POST THE WATER QUALITY OF -- EVERY YEAR SHOW US HOW TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY. IF YOU ARE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB, NEXT YEAR WE'LL STOP THIS CLEAN WATER FEE RIGHT AWAY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. RIGHT AWAY. ALL RIGHT. PROCEED.

JONAS PETERSON: CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS JONAS PETERSON. PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. OUR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS MAJOR EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. AND WE JOIN THE BIZFED COALITION IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN. WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ACTION UNTIL THE MANY ISSUES YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING CAN BE ADDRESSED. IN PARTICULAR, MANY OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS, PROPERTY OWNERS IN SANTA CLARITA ALREADY PAY A SIMILAR, IF NOT DUPLICATIVE TAX. THERE'S NO SUNSET CLAUSE WRITTEN INTO THE CURRENT MEASURE. AND THE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED ARE UNCLEAR. FOR THESE REASONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MEASURE WOULD



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NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR REGION'S ABILITY TO GROW NEW JOBS. AND WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. JONAS PETERSON. ROSALYN COLLIER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. TERESA MARQUEZ AND RAY BILLET OR BILLET. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AND DO SO IMMEDIATELY WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE. BILL HOOEY. MARY JOHNSON. GREG KIMURA. ARE THOSE PERSONS HERE? IF YOU WOULD JUST LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE. WE ARE BEGINNING TO PICK UP THE PACE AT THIS POINT. ALL RIGHT. JACK ROLSTON. JANET CLARK. BILL ROBINSON. RALPH SHAFFER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR TESTIMONY. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. MA'AM? HE'S A GENTLEMAN. WE PREFER YOU.

RAY BILLET: MY NAME IS RAY BILLET FROM ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I REPRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES, SIR.

RAY BILLET: WE PROPOSE AGAINST THIS. WE'VE HAD A VOTE AND WE OPPOSE THE FEES ON THIS. AND WE LIVE IN A RURAL DISTRICT. WE ARE AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER. AND WE FEEL THAT WE'RE BEING TARGETED. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

ALL RIGHT. ANYONE WHO WISHES?

TERESA MARQUEZ: MY NAME IS TERESA MARQUEZ AND I LIVE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WHEN WE -- I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE AROUND DECEMBER THE 20TH OR AFTER, AND DID NOT GIVE US ENOUGH TIME TO NOTIFY EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY. MOST, WE DID GO TO A FEW MEETINGS TO LET THEM KNOW, AND THEY HAD THROWN IT AWAY. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT. THE BOYLE, I'M AFFILIATED WITH BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. AND WE ALSO REQUESTED THESE PAMPHLETS IN SPANISH. AND I GOT THEM THE DAY BEFORE OUR MEETING OF JANUARY 8. THE OTHER THING IS THAT THERE WAS NO SPANISH VERSION OF THIS PAMPHLET ANY PLACE THAT WE COULD GET. I HAD TO CALL IN TO GET, AND I GOT ONLY 50. SO IF YOU COULD IMAGINE IF PEOPLE THAT SPEAK ENGLISH COULD NOT UNDERSTAND ALL THIS, THE PEOPLE THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? [APPLAUSE.] AND I OPPOSE THIS FEE, DEFINITELY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

TERESA MARQUEZ: AND JUST ONE MORE THING. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS ALREADY CHARGING US \$85 IN EVERY BILL OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER. SO PLEASE SEND MY BILL TO THEM.

[LAUGHTER.]



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU.

BILL HOOEY: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
BILL HOOEY. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF FAIR HOUSING COALITION --
FAIR HOUSING COALITION.COM. ALREADY WE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST
TAXED PEOPLE IN AMERICA. DOESN'T ANYBODY REMEMBER THAT? I
MEAN, WE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST TAXED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY.
ALSO THE NOTICE THAT WENT OUT WAS MISLEADING. IT WASN'T VERY
TRANSPARENT. IT LOOKS LIKE A PIECE OF JUNK MAIL. AND MANY
LANDLORDS THAT I TALKED TO DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THAT MESSAGE
WAS IN THE NOTICE. AND THIRDLY, BECAUSE OF SOME VERY UNFAIR
LAWS WRITTEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF L.A. WHILE SOME OF YOU
WERE ON THE COUNCIL, WE CAN'T PASS THROUGH THESE EXTRA TAXES
TO OUR RESIDENTS PROPORTIONALLY. THE WHOLE THING IS VERY, VERY
UNFAIR AND I WISH ANYBODY WHO AGREES WITH ME JUST STAND UP FOR
A SECOND SO THEY CAN SEE YOU UP HERE. IT'S GOT TO BE FAIR FOR
EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU. WE
KNOW THAT THIS IS MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY. AND IT SEEMS
TO ME THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN
NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION HERE TODAY. [LAUGHTER.] YOU KNOW,
THERE'S A LITTLE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE. I HAVE ASKED REPEATEDLY



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NO CLAPPING. YOU CLAP ANYWAY. YOU CAN'T STAND AND SHOW SIGNS AND YOU DO THAT AS YOU WISH. I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY DEVOTEES OF DR. KING SHOWING UP TODAY. BUT I SEE THAT YOU ARE HERE. [APPLAUSE.] WE LOVE DR. KING, BUT WE NEED TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THIS CHAMBER. PROCEED.

GREG KIMURA: HELLO, MY NAME IS GREG KIMURA. MR. THOMAS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS HEARING. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE VAL VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE VAL VERDE C.B.F.C. AND THE C.A.T.C. ELECT. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY, I SPEAK FOR THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS. AND WE FORMALLY OPPOSE THIS FEE. MY COMMUNITY IS ALREADY HAVING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND THE ADDITIONAL FEE WILL DEFINITELY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THEM. IF THE PROPONENTS OF THIS FEEL THAT IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, MY RECOMMENDATION IS, WHY NOT SHIFT FUNDS FROM LESS IMPORTANT PROGRAMS VERSUS TAKING MORE MONEY FROM RESIDENTS, SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES. THIS IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE. THIS IS ABOUT US, THE PEOPLE. I ASK YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE TODAY TO LET YOU KNOW HOW THEY FEEL. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THEM. AND AS THE GENTLEMAN SAID BEFORE, ON YOUR WALL IT DOES SAY GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

WARREN ROHN: YES. WARREN ROHN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARDS OF REAL ESTATE, ALSO KNOWN AS L.A.C.B.O.R.E. L.A.C.B.O.R.E. WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS RECOVERING. WE DON'T WANT TO DAMPEN THAT RECOVERY. THE REAL ESTATE MARKET HAS RIPPLES. WE CREATE JOBS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, HOME DECORATORS, PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, EVEN HANDYMEN AND GARDENERS. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS BY OPPOSING THIS EGREGIOUS AND DRACONIAN TAX.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO YOU, MA'AM.

JANET CLARK: JANET CLARK. I AM OPPOSED TO THE FEE, PARTICULARLY AS A PROPERTY TAX. BUT IF IT IS PRESENTED IN AN ELECTION, I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WILL INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU COULD GET AT LEAST \$200 MILLION FROM STOPPING WHAT IS WELL KNOWN TO BE THE RAMPANT ENTITLEMENT FRAUD. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.



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SIR?

BILL ROBINSON: GOOD MORNING, BILL ROBINSON OF WEST COVINA. YOUR MAILED NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WAS CONFUSING AND AMBIGUOUS. PLEASE, SUPERVISORS, OPPOSE THIS UNFUNDED MANDATE. I BELIEVE IN THE VIRTUE OF A FRUGAL BUDGETING AND PAY-AS-YOU-GO SPENDING PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT. I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH HOW THE NEW REVENUE IS PROPOSED TO BE SPENT. LET IT COME OUT OF U.S. E.P.A. OR D.O.D. BUT I DO QUESTION THE PROCESS AND LEGALITY OF HOW THE REVENUE IS BEING RAISED. THE HOWARD JARVIS TAX ORGANIZATION NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED. PROP 218, THE BIG HORN DECISION AND SIMILAR LINE OF CASE LAW PRECEDENT NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED. AND THIS PROCESS NEEDS TO BE CHECKED AND VERIFIED BY A COURT OF LAW. WHAT IS THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF THIS CLEAN WATER FEE? OR IS IT A FLOOD CONTROL FEE? YOUR MAILED NOTICE MATERIAL IS AMBIGUOUS ON THIS POINT. ADDITIONALLY, THE ENGINEERING REPORT WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF PROPERTY FEE CALCULATION --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

BILL ROBINSON: -- IS FLAWED BECAUSE IT DOESN'T --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.



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BILL ROBINSON: I NEED THE REST OF MY TESTIMONY TO BE SENT TO YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THAT'S FINE. YOU CAN SIMPLY SUBMIT IT TO THE SERGEANT. IT WILL BE APPROPRIATELY TRANSMITTED.

BILL ROBINSON: THIS IS A RAILROAD JOB.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: I DOUBT THAT VERY SERIOUSLY, SIR. WE APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE. NOW, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MARY JOHNSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARY JOHNSON AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL. OUT IN AGUA DULCE, WE'RE RURAL. WE DON'T HAVE PIPED IN WATER. WE DON'T HAVE PIPED IN SEWER. WE HAVE WELLS. AND THE GROUND WATER, THAT RAIN WATER THAT COMES IN IS SO VALUABLE TO US BECAUSE THAT PERCOLATES DOWN, BACK LIKE IT ALL USED TO BE DONE, PERCOLATES DOWN AND WE USE THAT FOR OUR DRINKING WATER. WITH OUR SEPTIC SYSTEMS, SAME THING. WE DON'T HAVE PIPED-IN SEWER SYSTEMS. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE'RE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT WE DO WITH OUR WATER RUNOFF. VERY LITTLE OF OUR RURAL AREA IS PAVED. AND WE ARE PUT IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THE PAVED AREAS AND THE METROPOLITAN AREAS. SO THE FEE METHODOLOGY IS REALLY NOT EQUITABLE TO OUR AREA.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU.

DAVID CLARK: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID CLARK. I'M THE MANAGING MEMBER OF AN ENTITY CALLED C.N.B. CENTER POINT PARTNERS, AND IN 2005 WE BUILT A BUSINESS PARK IN SANTA CLARITA. WE BUILT HOMES FOR BUSINESSES. AND WE STRONGLY OBJECT, BASED ON THE FACTS THAT ONE, WE ALREADY HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO OUR SHARE TO MEET THE CLEAN WATER GUIDELINES AND TWO WE ARE ALREADY BEING TAXED. SPECIFICALLY DURING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, WE'VE INSTALLED FILTERED CATCH BASINS. WE'VE PAID ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THIS. WE HAVE PAID FOR SWEAT MANUALS TO BE PREPARED. DURING CONSTRUCTION, WE HAD TO DO A LOT OF UNDERGROUND PIPING TO MAKE THIS WORK. SINCE COMPLETION, WE PAY ANNUAL FEES TO MAINTAIN OUR STORM WATER PERMIT. WE CONTINUE TO PAY ONGOING MAINTENANCE. LAST YEAR WE PAID \$3,000 FOR REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR FILTERS. ALSO THE ENGINEERING FOR THE PROGRAM IS FLAWED. THE ENGINEERING DESIGN BASED ON THE PAMPHLET SAYS IT'S BASED ON LOT SIZE. WE'RE IN A TERRACED PARK WHERE UP TO HALF OF OUR PARCELS ARE SLOPE AND/OR OPEN SPACE, WHICH CERTAINLY SHOULD NOT BE TAXED. AND LASTLY IT JUST RAISES THE TAX BURDEN TOO MUCH. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MAUREEN ALBRECHT. DALE SHOEMAKER. PHILLIP ANGERHOFER. AND EARIS VAILS, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WILL APPRECIATE IT. NOW AFTER WE'VE HEARD FROM ALL OF THE NAMES THAT I'VE CALLED, LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 100 MORE SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU. PROCEED.

STEVE TYE: THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. MY NAME IS STEVE TYE, I'M A COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR. DO YOU REMEMBER AS I DO THE ACADEMY AWARD WINNING MOVIE NETWORK? DO YOU REMEMBER PETER FINCH'S CHARACTER HOWARD BEAL DELIVERS THE MEMORABLE LINE, "I'M MAD AS HELL AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE?" WELL I'M HERE TO TELL YOU WE'RE MAD AS HELL ABOUT THIS ILL-ADVISED EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT A FEE. DIAMOND BAR IS OPPOSED TO THE MEASURE AS CONSTITUTED AND ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO UTILIZE THE REGULAR BALLOT PROCESS. YOU'VE NOTIFIED THE PUBLIC WITH A MAILER THAT LOOKS LIKE JUNK MAIL. I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD DO THIS. WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS BEFORE, WE TURNED DOWN THAT OPPORTUNITY. YOUR CONSULTANTS HAVE TOLD YOU IT WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST CHANCE OF PASSAGE OF THIS EFFORT. ON THE FRONT IT SAYS OFFICIAL NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF A PUBLIC HEARING. YOU COULD SEND IT OUT EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. IT DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT A FEE



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UNTIL YOU GET INSIDE. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU PUT THIS TO A VOTE OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SIR. SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

STEVE HANSON: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM, YOU CAN JUST --

STEVE HANSON: STEVE HANSON ON BEHALF OF THE LAKEWOOD ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION GROUP. WE HAVE PUT ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS, 2-1/2 PAGES OF QUESTIONS, ABOUT THIS ITEM ON OUR WEB PAGE, WHICH IS AT LAAG.US. THEY WERE ALSO SENT TO THE SUPERVISORS. I REALIZE THAT THIS IS A PROPOSITION 218 SITUATION. AND I DO THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE PUT TO A POPULAR VOTE AND NOT UTILIZE PROPOSITION 218. PROPOSITION 218 WAS ACTUALLY PUT ON THE BALLOT IN 1996 BY THE HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION. AND IT SAYS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 218 SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES OF LIMITING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND ENHANCING TAXPAYER CONSENT. AND I THINK THE 218 IS BASICALLY BEING TURNED ON ITS HEAD WITH THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO PASS. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

EARIS VAILS: THANKS. MY NAME IS EARIS VAILS. I'M HERE AGAINST THIS \$54 BECAUSE YOU HAVE TWO GENERAL FUND BUDGETS. YOU HAVE A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND YOU HAVE A REVENUE BOND WHICH MOST OF THESE PARKS AND RECREATION AND THINGS COME OUT OF. THEN YOU ALSO, I THINK, D.W.P. HAS A PET PROJECT. THEY HAVE 25 MILLION THEY WANT TO DO FOR THE ELYSIAN RESERVOIR. THEY HAVE 319 MILLION THEY WANT DO FOR THE HEAD WORKS. THEN THEY HAVE 800 MILLION THEY WANT TO DO TO PHASE OUT THE ARIZONA BASE. AND I JUST CAN'T SEE OR UNDERSTAND WHY YOU GUYS KEEP LETTING D.W.P. GO UP LIKE IT DOES. I GOT A RATE INCREASE OF 20 CENTS. MY INSURANCE WENT FROM \$10 TO \$20 FOR MY COPAY. SO THEREFORE, THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MY RAISE. SO WHAT YOU GUYS ARE STEADY DOING, YOU'RE NOT HELPING. AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, VILLARAIGOSA AND A PERSON NAMED KEELEY, THEY HAVE A BILL ON THE BOOKS, AND THAT'S AB.18 FOR YOU GUYS TO GET TAXES. YOU GUYS GET TAXES EVERY DOGGONE YEAR. YOU GUYS NEED TO STOP THIS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT.

BILL SHOEMAKER: BILL SHOEMAKER SIERRA MADRE. THIS PROPOSAL IS



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EXTREMELY FLAWED, BOTH IN THE ENGINEERING AND IN THE TAX MECHANISM. QUITE FRANKLY, WHAT I'VE SEEN OF THE PROPOSAL IS CRAP, TO PUT IT POLITELY. THOSE AT SCAGS HAVE ALLEGED THAT SIERRA MADRE IS WASTING LAND FOR PERC BASINS IN CITY. AND WHAT WE NEED IS MORE OF THEM IN THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I WOULDN'T, GIVEN THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE THAT SOME CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, I WOULDN'T TRUST THEM EVEN ONE 65,536TH AS FAR AS I COULD THROW THE STATE CAPITOL.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

BILL SHOEMAKER: AND DO IT CONFIDENTLY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. LYNNE EBENKAMP. FRANK ROMERO? JUTTA BONGHER. DON HENRY. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. I AM GOING TO EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AFTERWARDS, NAMELY MARCO ROBLES, YOLANDA MOREHEAD, EVA RALEIGH. DEANN JOYCE. ARE THOSE PERSONS HERE? AND IF SO, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE MICROPHONE. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

LYNNE EBENKAMP: THANK YOU. I'M LYNNE EBENKAMP FROM ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AND THE TERM HOODWINKED IS A TERM I HAVEN'T USED FOR A LONG TIME COMES TO MIND. AS GLORIA MOLINA POINTED OUT, THIS



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HAS BEEN RUSHED. WE HAVEN'T HAD ADEQUATE INFORMATION. IF THE COUNTY WANTED US TO HAVE INFORMATION THAT WE HAD TO VOTE ON AN INCREASED FEE THAT HAD TO DO WITH OUR PROPERTY, WHY WASN'T IT PUT IN OUR TAX BILL? IT CAME OUT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. THERE'S A SECOND PROPERTY BILL THAT COMES OUT IN APRIL. YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD SAVE US POSTAGE. IT WOULD JUST DO A LOT OF THINGS. AND PEOPLE WOULD NOT THROW THAT AWAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T THROW THEIR PROPERTY BILLS AWAY. [APPLAUSE.] THE COUNTY NEEDS TO THINK THIS THROUGH, DO THE RIGHT THING AND NOT BE IN SUCH A BIG HURRY WHEN EVERYBODY'S LIVELIHOOD IS AT STAKE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?

DON HENRY: MY NAME IS DON HENRY, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND STAFF, AS PRESIDENT OF THE AGUA DULCE COUNCIL, I WANT TO ADDRESS THIS MEASURE ON THEIR BEHALF. THE RESIDENTS OF AGUA DULCE ARE VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSED TAX. FEW OF THE CONCERNS ARE: LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS CANNOT AFFORD THE ANNUAL ADDITIONAL TAX OR FEE. AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE LOCAL AGRICULTURE RELATED BUSINESS THAT SELLS ALFALFA WAS HIT WITH A TAX OR FEE IN EXCESS OF \$25,000. WHEN HE GOT HIS BILL, HE SAID, "WHAT THE HAY?"

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WHAT THE HAY, YEAH.



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DON HENRY: OUR ACTON AGUA DULCE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AT LEAST FIVE PROPERTIES. WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE BURDENED WITH AN ANNUAL ADDITIONAL TAX OR FEE TAKING AWAY VALUABLE RESOURCES FROM EDUCATION. THERE WILL BE A LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUE AS A RESULT OF THE ANNUAL ADDITIONAL TAX OR FEE. THE PROPOSED MEASURE IN ITS CURRENT FORM WILL HAVE SERIOUS FINANCIAL IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU FOR HEARING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA 'AM?

DEANN JOYCE: HI, MY NAME IS DEANN JOYCE AND I LIVE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR OPENING THIS UP TO US. I THINK THAT IT'S NOT FAIR TO JUST TAX OR FEE PROPERTY OWNERS BECAUSE IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT DO THE POLLUTING. IT'S THE RUNOFF OF THE STREETS. AND I THINK THAT IT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO SAY NO TO THIS RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?

MARCO ROBLES: MY NAME IS MARCO ROBLES. I'M WITH ROWLAND



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HEIGHTS. I'VE BEEN HERE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. I'D LIKE TO SAY FIRST OF ALL, THAT I RARELY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT IN THIS CASE I DO. THE COUNTY HAS JUST BRIEFLY STARTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS THING. AND SHE JUST TOUCHED ON THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG AS FAR AS THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE AS FAR AS INFORMING PEOPLE. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE PRESENTED THEIR CASE HERE, I FIRMLY STAND BEHIND THEM. BUT ONE WOULD ASK IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE TAXED, THAT'S TERRIBLE. IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE TAXED, WHAT DOES THAT DO TO THE \$54 THAT SAYS IT'S A TYPICAL FEE AMOUNT? THAT MEANS THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET A LOT MORE THAN THIS. SOME MAY GET A LITTLE LESS THAN THIS CHARGE. SO A LOT MORE WORK HAS TO BE DONE. ALSO, IN CLOSING, I'M LOOKING HERE AT THE BRIEF THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO US HERE DOWN AT ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES. THE VERY FIRST BULLET SAYS WATER QUALITY PROJECTS. THAT'S VERY NEBULOUS. WHAT DOES ALL THAT MEAN?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.

MARCO ROBLES: JUST TIP OF THE ICEBERG. AND LASTLY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: TIP OF THE ICEBERG, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. SIR?

MARCO ROBLES: STORM WATER CAPTURE. WHAT DOES FLOOD CONTROL DO



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NOW?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
MA 'AM.

EVA RALEIGH: MY NAME IS EVA RALEIGH. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF LAKE PARK LA MIRADA. WE ARE A MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY IN THIS COUNTY. AND WE PROVIDE HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND WE ALREADY PAY THE HIGHEST TAXES IN THE AREA. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS. THESE FEES ARE GOING TO BE IMPOSED ON YOUR SENIORS. IT'S NOT JUST BEING IMPOSED ON THE PROPERTY OWNERS. WE'RE ALREADY PAYING SUCH HIGH TAXES WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CONTINUE TO BE TAXED OR WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CALL IT, ANNUAL FEE? IT IS A TAX. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. WE DID CALL SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS. FRANK RIZZI. JOE SORRENTI. JOHN GRANT. ROY MARSON. ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS STILL HERE? ALL RIGHT. DOCTOR GENEVA POTTER. ADELE ANDRADE-STADLER. JUDY CLARK. JIM CLARK. GLORIA VILLADOLID. ANN TRUSSELL. PAUL MORGAN. DONNA GANNON. LILLIAN SMITH. CARMEN VILLA. MARILYN KAMIMURA. OKAY. I'M LOOKING FOR FOUR SEATS TO BE FILLED HERE. IN THE MEANTIME SIR, PLEASE PROCEED.

JOE SORRENTI: MY NAME IS JOE SORRENTI. AND I'M A CONCERNED



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CITIZEN. I GOT THIS IN THE MAIL, TOO. I THOUGHT IT WAS JUNK MAIL. I GOT THREE OF THEM. I THREW ONE AWAY. HOW ABOUT THAT? BECAUSE I DIDN'T REALIZE IT UNTIL AFTER THE FACT. ALL RIGHT. THAT BEING SAID, THE THING THAT I WANT TO SAY HERE IS THAT, LOOK, WE ALREADY GOT A TAX FOR FLOOD CONTROL HERE AND STORM DRAIN? AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I PAY IN -- AND MY TRASH, I PAY SANITATION. SO WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT? I DON'T GET IT. YOU GUYS WANT TO JUST KEEP ADDING MORE AND MORE? I JUST I DON'T SEE THE -- I HONESTLY DON'T SEE THE VALUE IN THAT. YOU'RE JUST TAXING EVERYBODY TO DEATH. THAT'S HOW IT SOUNDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR, AND OTHERS, YOU SHOULD COME FORWARD. MA'AM, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

DR. GENEVA POTTER: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVA POTTER. I AM HERE FOR THREE REASONS. NUMBER 1 IT'S A HARDSHIP. NUMBER 2, THE COUNTY OR WHOEVER PREPARED THIS HAS FAILED TO MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN NOTIFYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS. I HAVE TALKED TO MANY PEOPLE. THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. I AM ASKING YOU TO STUDY THIS BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION AND GIVE US MORE TIME. AND SEND CERTIFIED MAIL SO THAT WE CAN ALL GET IT. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

ROY MARSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROY MARSON. I'M REPRESENTING B.A.M.C.R.R., WHICH IS THE BOUQUET AND MINT CANYON RURAL RESIDENTS. BASICALLY WE HAVE 100 PERCENT OPPOSITION TO THIS OF EVERYBODY THAT LIVES IN THIS AREA. I CURRENTLY MYSELF RUN A SMALL GREENHOUSE OPERATION. HAS ANYBODY EVER HEARD OF THE L.A. REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD? WELL I HAVE, BECAUSE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS I HAVE BEEN PAYING THEM OVER \$10,000 FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DUPLICATE RIGHT HERE. SO LET'S GO LOOK AT WHAT THE THING THAT'S GOING RIGHT NOW. THE LAST THING THAT I HAVE TO SAY, LET'S DO THIS. WE'RE NOT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. WE DON'T HAVE TO PUT OUR FINGERS IN DYE TO KNOW AN ELECTION. LET'S HAVE A REAL ELECTION, NOT THE MICKEY MOUSE THING PUT ON BY THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PROMOTING IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] GENTLEMEN?

JIM CLARK: I'M JIM CLARK WITH THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. I'M HERE REPRESENTING 9800 MEMBERS THAT OWN APARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY AND IN VENTURA COUNTY, AS WELL. OUR MEMBERS FOR THE MOST PART, THOSE IN L.A., WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND SANTA MONICA,



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ARE SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL. WE CAN ONLY RAISE THE RENT A CERTAIN AMOUNT EVERY YEAR. THIS FEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE PASSED THROUGH TO THE TENANTS IN THOSE BUILDINGS WHO USE THE WATER. IT IS UNFAIR TO OUR MEMBERS. EVERY TYPE OF TAX LIKE THIS IS A BURDEN ON THE WAY THEY DO THEIR BUSINESS AND IT ADDS TO THEIR OPERATIONAL COSTS. THOSE MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL WILL PASS IT THROUGH TO THE TENANTS. THOSE TENANTS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL. SO IT'S NOT FAIR ACROSS THE BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WE'RE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION WHO IS WORKING WITH YOU TO MODIFY THIS. I THINK IF WE HAD A PASS-THROUGH WRITTEN INTO IT, WE MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE AMENABLE TO THE ISSUE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH. SIR?

PAUL MORGAN: HI, PAUL MORGAN. I AM OPPOSED. THE PLAN IS VAGUE. WE'VE HEARD TODAY EVERYBODY IS OPPOSED TO THE LACK OF SPECIFICS. AND THAT ACTUALLY FLIES IN THE FACE OF SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE 13-D OF THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION, REVENUE SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED. IF NONE ARE SPECIFIED, THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND IN SECTION 4-A, AN AGENCY WHICH PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT SHALL IDENTIFY ALL PARCELS WHICH WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC BENEFIT CONFERRED UPON THEM AND UPON WHICH AN ASSESSMENT WILL BE IMPOSED. SECTION 2 DEFINES SPECIAL BENEFIT AS PARTICULAR AND DISTINCT BENEFIT



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OVER AND ABOVE GENERAL BENEFITS TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. WE LIVING AND HAVING OUR BUSINESSES IN THE WATERSHEDS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ONLY THE ONES BEING PENALIZED. AND THIS LETTER THE RESIDENTS THAT WAS SENT OUT, IT WAS WAS REQUIRED BY SECTION 4-D OF THIS SAME LAW THAT IT HAVE AN OPTION FOR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION. AND I WONDER IF WE'LL LEARN TODAY HOW MANY DID SEND IN THEIR SUPPORT. THANKS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. RICHARD SHEEHAN. RICHARD OTTERSTROM. GLENN BAILEY. PATRICK BOUCHARD. MELVIN MATTHEWS. HANNA DERSHOWTO. IF THOSE WHO I HAVE CALLED WOULD COME FORWARD. SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF YOU WOULD PRESIDE FOR THE TIME BEING, I'D APPRECIATE IT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PROCEED.

ANN TRUSSELL: GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ANN TRUSSELL. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND SUPERVISORS FOR PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. I AM A PROPERTY OWNER OF TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPERTIES. I ONLY RECEIVED ONE NOTICE. I SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED TWO TO BE ENTITLED TWO PROTESTS. I'M ALSO A REALTOR MEMBER OF THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. MANY OF MY CLIENTS, ALSO YOUR CONSTITUENTS, WHO LIVE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN SPECIFIED BOUNDARIES OF THIS ORDINANCE HAVE NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION ON



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THIS ORDINANCE AT ALL. MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS WHOSE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES AND SCOPE OF YOUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE ARE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THIS PROPOSED TAX. MANY HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOTICE OR MISCONSTRUED IT AS JUNK MAIL. IF NOT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS RECEIVED A PROTEST FORM, HOW CAN A MAJORITY VOTE BE DETERMINED? THE PROPOSAL IS POORLY WRITTEN AND THE METHODOLOGY USED IN CALCULATING THE FEE IS CONFUSING AT BEST. I COMPLETELY OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

SUP. KNABE: MA'AM, YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. NEXT?

LILLIAN SMITH: MY NAME IS LILLIAN SMITH. I'M A RESIDENT OF AGUA DULCE, WHERE WE HAVE VERY LITTLE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. BUT THIS CLEAN WATER PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS POORLY WRITTEN WITH VIRTUALLY NO ACCOUNTABILITY AND MULTIPLE ADDED LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY. THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SPECIFIC PROJECT OUTLINED. IT'S ALL VERY NEBULOUS. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT MORE EFFORT BE PLACED IN ENFORCING THE POLLUTION LAWS OR ANTI-POLLUTION LAWS. AND THAT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO ANOTHER VERSION OF THIS ORDINANCE, PLEASE HAVE IT BETTER WRITTEN. THANK YOU.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU. NEXT?



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RICHARD SHEEHAN: DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RICHARD SHEEHAN. I AM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE STAR COALITION, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES BURBANK, GLENDALE, LA CANADA, PASADENA AND SOUTH PASADENA, APPROXIMATELY 75,000 STUDENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. ANTONOVICH FOR WORKING WITH US VERY CLOSELY. WE ARE ALL IN OPPOSITION TO THIS. ONE POINT THAT I DO WANT TO MAKE THAT I DON'T BELIEVE HAS BEEN MADE BY SCHOOLS IS CURRENTLY WE ARE PUTTING IN A NEW TURF FIELD AND TRACK, AND WE ARE HAVING TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$165,000 FOR A STORM WATER PREVENTION PLAN MANDATED BY THE STATE. ADDITIONALLY, OUR COUNCIL P.T.A. PRESIDENT IS IN ATTENDANCE AND IS IN OPPOSITION AS IS OUR UNION. THANK YOU.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. NEXT?

RICHARD OTTERSTROM: I'M RICHARD OTTERSTROM. I'M THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, WE'RE NOT AGAINST CLEAN WATER BUT WE ARE AGAINST THIS PARCEL TAX. WE DO FAVOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND THINK THAT THAT WOULD SOLVE OUR PROBLEM AND PUT US IN A FAVORED POSITION. WE DO HAVE OVER 600,000 RENT-CONTROLLED UNITS IN LOS ANGELES ALONE AND WE HAVE TWO OTHER RENT-CONTROLLED CITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.



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AND AS JIM CLARK HAD SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO, THOSE OWNERS CANNOT PASS THE PARCEL TAX THROUGH TO THE TENANTS, THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM THE PARCEL TAX OR WHO ARE CREATING SOME OF THE POLLUTION. THANK YOU. I'LL LET YOU OFF NOW.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU. NEXT?

PATRICK BOUCHARD: HI, MY NAME IS PATRICK BOUCHARD. I'M A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FROM WHITTIER. I'M NOT A PROPERTY OWNER. BUT I DO COUNT. I'M A REGISTERED VOTER AND A TAXPAYER. I SPENT TIME IN VIETNAM. I'M A VIETNAM-ERA VET FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS AND THE FREEDOM OF ALL. WE HAVE AN ISSUE HERE WHERE WE ALL NEED TO BE INFORMED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON. PLEASE DON'T TAKE THAT RIGHT AWAY FROM US. AND PLEASE REMEMBER ONE PARTING SHOT, MAYBE NOT THE BEST LINE, BUT REMEMBER THE BOSTON TEA PARTY. THANK YOU.

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR PRO TEM: THANK YOU. NEXT?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: PLEASE PROCEED.

STEVE HANNA: MY NAME IS STEVE HANNA, I'M A RESIDENT OF AQUA DULCE. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE TESTIMONY EVERYONE HAS GIVEN ALREADY. ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS THAT THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA IS GOING OUT OF -- IT'S OUT OF SIGHT.



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PEOPLE ARE LEAVING AS FAST AS THEY CAN. I'M A 25-PLUS YEAR MEMBER OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 399. IN THE LAST YEAR, I SPENT MONTHS IN MICHIGAN WORKING ON "OZ THE GREAT AND POWERFUL." I SPENT MONTHS IN NEW MEXICO WORKING ON "THE LONE RANGER." I SPENT MONTHS IN LOUISIANA WORKING ON "DJANGO UNCHAINED." THE MOTION PICTURE BUSINESS, ALONG WITH LOTS OF OTHER INDUSTRY, IS LEAVING CALIFORNIA AS FAST AS THEY CAN. IT'S JUST TOO EXPENSIVE TO DO BUSINESS HERE. AND ALL THESE ADDED FEES, ALL THESE ADDED TAXES, YOU TAKE STUDIOS LIKE DISNEY AND THEM, THEY'RE GOING TO PAY UNBELIEVABLE FEES. THEY MAKE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO GO BANKRUPT. THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

MELVIN MATTHEWS: I AM MELVIN MATTHEWS. I LIVE IN THE -- AREA OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND I OBJECT TO THE METHODOLOGY AND CALCULATION OF THE FEE. MY PARTICULAR PROPERTY AND ALL OURS, MY NEIGHBORS' PROPERTY, THE RUNOFF, WHICH IS VERY LITTLE, GOES BEHIND THE EATON WASH DAM WHERE IT IS PERCOLATED IN THE GROUND. SO OUR RUNOFF RARELY GETS DOWNSTREAM OTHER THAN IN UNUSUAL STORM EVENTS. I ALSO OBJECT TO APPLYING THIS FEE TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND WATER DISTRICTS. SCHOOLS HAVE A LOT OF OPEN PROPERTY THAT CONTRIBUTE TO



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PERCOLATION OF THE WATER INTO THE GROUND. AND WATER AGENCIES IN OUR AREA ARE ALREADY DOING A GOOD JOB TO INCREASE STORM WATER CAPTURE AND TO EMBARK UPON RECYCLING WATER PROJECTS. SO I AM OPPOSED TO THIS FEE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

DAVID MCINTOSH: MY NAME IS DAVE MCINTOSH. MY WIFE AND I OWN 20 PROPERTIES IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE A MASTERS IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND WAS PART OF TEAM THAT PUBLISHED AN EXTENSIVE STUDY FOR BIO-REMEDATING RUNOFF AND SEWAGE IN THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE. I AM A CLEAN WATER ADVOCATE BUT I OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. WATER IS THE NEW GOLD. THIS PROBLEM SHOULD BE APPROACHED AS A SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN OUR WATER AND REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED WATER. THIS IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE IN ORANGE COUNTY AT THE PRADO WETLANDS, WHICH IS THE LARGEST WETLANDS WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. THERE, MOTHER NATURE DOES THE WORK REMOVING FECAL MATERIAL, OIL, CHEMICALS, HEAVY METAL AND TOXINS TO QUENCH THE THIRST OF PEOPLE IN ORANGE COUNTY. THIS PROJECT WAS DONE WITHOUT ONE DOLLAR OF TAX TO PROPERTY OWNERS. IT'S RUN BY FOUR INDIVIDUALS. AND THAT WETLAND ALSO REMOVES ONE TON OF NITRATES PER DAY. FOUR PEOPLE ARE DOING THAT.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT.

DAVID MCINTOSH: MIKE, I SURE HOPE YOU WIN TODAY. THIS SHOULD BE VOTED DOWN TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALBERT CHANG. SHAHRAM, MANAL ABOELATA. KIM LAMORIE. JOSEPH EDMISTON. CLAIRE ROBINSON. ANDY LIPKIS. HOLLY WYMAN. BARBARA ROMERO. MARYBETH VERGARA. AND SANG PARK. ALL OF YOU, IF YOU WOULD JUST COME FORWARD. AND FINALLY MICHAEL RUSSELL. MA'AM? YOU'RE FIRST.

SPEAKER: GLORIA, --. THIS PROCEDURE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EROSION OF DEMOCRACY. YOU HAVE SAID PRETTY MUCH THAT WHAT WE SAY HERE MATTERS NOT. YOU ANNOUNCED THAT BY FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK, 4 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD WRITTEN IN WERE IN OPPOSITION. AND IT WAS THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. YET YOU REQUIRED OVER 50 PERCENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPINION. IS THAT EVEN AS HIGH AS THE PERCENTAGES OF THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT? I WONDER IF YOU SHOULD PERHAPS USE THE RATE OF PRO AND CON OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE TO SPEAK TODAY. AND WHAT ARE AUTHORITIES AND CONSERVANCIES? THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING GETTING 50 PERCENT OF THE MONEY, HOW CLOSE ARE THEY TO THE TAXPAYER? ARE THEY NOT ONE LEVEL FURTHER AWAY FROM US? AGAIN, WASHING DOWN



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DEMOCRACY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MA'AM. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YES?

ALBERT CHANG: HELLO. MY NAME IS ALBERT CHANG, I'M REPRESENTING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY. THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE UNLESS IT IS AMENDED. THE CHAMBER BELIEVES THAT THE PROPOSED FEE IN ITS CURRENT FORM WILL BE MORE DETRIMENTAL THAN ITS INITIALLY DESIGNED BENEFIT. THE CHAMBER RECOGNIZES THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR UNFUNDED MANDATE TO THE MS-4 PERMIT. WITHOUT DOUBT, THE MS-4 PERMIT IS TOO ZEALOUS IN ITS ATTEMPT TO TREAT STORM WATER RUNOFF TO NEAR POTABLE LEVELS. THE CHAMBER FURTHER RECOGNIZES THAT A REGIONAL AND COLLECTIVE APPROACH IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE NEW MANDATES. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED FEE UNLESS AMENDED DOES NOT PROVIDE AN ACCURATE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. THE FEE IS TOO BROAD AND TOO ENCUMBERED TO BE EFFECTIVE. IN ADDITION, IT DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE OVERSIGHT OR APPROPRIATE EXEMPTIONS. THE CHAMBER PROPOSES THAT THE PARCEL FEE BE MODIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING: NUMBER 1, AN APPEALS PROCESS NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS PARCELS THAT CONTAIN MORE PERVIOUS LAND AND THUS IS ABLE TO



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CONTAIN MORE OF THE RUNOFF. SUCH PARCELS CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTE LESS TO THE PROBLEM THAN THOSE WITH MORE IMPERVIOUS LAND. NUMBER 2, PROJECTS WHICH ALREADY FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES IN STORM WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OR AS PART OF THE C.E.P.R. HAVE ADDRESSED THE ISSUES SATISFACTORY AND SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE FEE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MA'AM. THANK YOU. MY MY MY.

SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI: GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI. I REPRESENT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, WE CANNOT HEAR YOU, THEREFORE YOU HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE MICROPHONE.

SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: GOOD AFTERNOON.

SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI: MY NAME IS SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI, I REPRESENT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF SANITATION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTYWIDE FUNDING MEASURE. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN CLOSELY COLLABORATING WITH THE COUNTY FLOOD



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CONTROL DISTRICT ON THIS FUNDING MEASURE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. BACK IN 2012, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENABLING STATUTE FOR THIS FEE A.B.2554. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BELIEVES THIS MEASURE PROVIDES THE MUCH NEEDED FUNDING TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY THROUGH THE MULTI-BENEFIT DURING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE FEE PROVIDES BOTH FOR CAPITAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREEN PROJECTS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY. THE RECENTLY ADOPTED STORM WATER PERMIT THAT BECAME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 28, 2012 HAS A NUMBER OF STATE AND FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT THAT THE 84 CITIES MENTIONED IN THE PERMIT MUST COMPLY. THIS FUNDING INITIATIVE WOULD PROVIDE FOR THAT. THE ALTERNATIVE OF DOING NOTHING WOULD ACCOMPANY STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE DO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: INDEED. MA'AM?

KIM LAMORIE: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. CLEAN BEACHES. CLEAN WATER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE LEGACY WE MUST LEAVE FOR ALL GENERATIONS TO COME. MY NAME IS KIM LAMORIE AND I'M



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PRESIDENT OF THE 15,000-MEMBER LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE ARE STRONG ADVOCATES FOR CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES AND THE BENEFITS OF WATER CONSERVATION AND STORM WATER REUSE. SO I THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO CLEAN TOXIC STORM WATER BEFORE IT FLOWS INTO OUR STREAMS AND RIVERS, OUR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES TODAY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPROVAL TO DEVELOP THE MEASURE'S BALLOT LANGUAGE. OUR MOUNTAIN, VALLEY AND COASTAL WATERSHED COMMUNITIES LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING AND WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL CITIES AND THE COUNTY IN SEEING AN EQUITABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SETS A FEE FOR THE SERVICE OF CLEANING STORM WATER RUNOFF. PUT TO A VOTE BEFORE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. LET THE VOTERS DECIDE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MANAL ABOELATA: HELLO. MY NAME IS MANAL ABOELATA, I'M MANAGING DIRECTOR AT PREVENTION INSTITUTE, A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FOCUSED ON PREVENTING ILLNESSES BEFORE THEY OCCUR. I'M ALSO THE MOTHER OF TWO BOYS AND A HOMEOWNER IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. PREVENTION INSTITUTE SUPPORTS THE CLEAN WATER MEASURE BECAUSE IT WILL IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS BY PREVENTING SICKNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINATED



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WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF. THE IMPROVEMENTS COULD PREVENT 1.8 MILLION CASES OF GASTROENTERITIS ASSOCIATED WITH VISITS TO L.A. COUNTY WATER, LAKES, AND BEACHES. SMALL CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN, AND OLDER RESIDENTS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. THIS MEASURE IS A MATTER OF GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH AND CAN SAVE HEALTHCARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVENTABLE ILLNESSES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIFIC CRITERIA THAT WILL PRIORITIZE INFRASTRUCTURE IN LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES WHICH CAN BENEFIT MOST FROM PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BE POSSIBLE FROM FUNDS OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED. LAURA HARTZELL, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. AT THIS TIME, MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. MA'AM?

MARYBETH VERGARA: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD. MY NAME IS MARYBETH VERGARA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MARK STANLEY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. THE R.M.C. HAS FUNDED HUNDREDS OF PARKS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1999, INCLUDING AREAS LIKE THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SOUTHEAST L.A. COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY. ONE RECENT EXAMPLE IS THE CARVER PARK URBAN TRAIL WHICH NOT ONLY FUNCTIONS AS A WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT BUT ALSO CAPTURES DEBRIS AND TREATS RUNOFF BEFORE



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IT ENTERS INTO THE COMPTON CREEK IN THE COMMUNITY OF WILLOWBROOK. THIS PROJECT WAS DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS, WHO CONSTRUCTED THE PROJECT USING LOCAL YOUTH. NOT ONLY DID THIS PROJECT CREATE JOBS. BUT THREE CORPS MEMBERS ACTUALLY MOVED INTO CONSTRUCTION- SPECIALIST POSITIONS WHILE WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. WHILE WE HAVE CONCERNS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE WORKING AREA GROUPS WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?

JOSEPH EDMISTON: MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, JOSEPH EDMISTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE SOME IMPERFECTIONS. BUT WE'RE COMMITTED TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND EACH MEMBER OF THIS BOARD TO PERFECT THIS. IT'S AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT HAS SAVED TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY IN ITS ALMOST 100-YEAR HISTORY. IT'S NOW TIME TO TURN TO THE CHORE OF MAKING SURE OUR BEACHES AND OUR WATER IS CLEAN. AND I THINK THAT THIS



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DISTRICT IS UP TO THAT TASK. AND WE URGE YOU TO MOVE AHEAD.
THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
SIR?

CALVIN ROSS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CALVIN ROSS. I AM FROM PALISADES HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTING THE BLUE WATER TASKFORCE AND I SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MOVEMENT. WITH THE HELP OF THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, A COUPLE STUDENTS AND I HAVE SET UP A LAB AT OUR SCHOOL AND HAVE BEEN TESTING THE WATER SINCE MARCH. UP UNTIL 2003, THE BEACH AT TEMESCAL CANYON WAS CONSTANTLY CLOSED DUE TO BACTERIA LEVELS THAT EXCEEDED THE LIMIT CONSIDERED SAFE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES STORM WATER CONTROL PROGRAM WAS PUT INTO PLACE AT TEMESCAL CANYON IN 2003 AND SINCE THEN THE BACTERIA LEVELS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY LOW, A DRASTIC IMPROVEMENT FROM BEFORE. WE THE STUDENTS OF PALI HIGH STRONGLY URGE ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
PALI HIGH IN THE HOUSE. ALL RIGHT. PROCEED.

ANDREW LIPKIS: MY NAME IS ANDY LIPKIS, I'M A PROPERTY OWNER IN



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LOS ANGELES AND I'M FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF TREE PEOPLE. WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR FIVE YEARS WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE THIS PROJECT WORK. AND WE URGE YOU MORE TIME BECAUSE IT HAS TO WORK FOR THE SCHOOLS, FOR THE BUSINESSES AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT CAN. WE ALSO PROFOUNDLY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHO ASTUTELY NOTED ALL THE MISINFORMATION THAT'S BEEN CIRCULATING AROUND THIS. IT IS A PROPOSAL THAT WILL HELP CITIES. IT WILL HELP SCHOOLS. THE MEASURE CAN BRING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO SCHOOLS. AND TO IMPROVE THEM, TO MAKE THEM SAFE, HEALTHY AND BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS. YOU'LL HEAR FROM MORE SPEAKERS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF GREEN SCHOOLS ON STUDENT LEARNING AND HEALTH. WE THINK THAT THIS CAN WORK. THE MONEY THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA TALKED ABOUT MUCH GREATER FEES AND FINES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE BEING IMPOSED BY CITIES AND THE COST TO PUBLIC HEALTH. SO THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

CLAIRE ROBINSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CLAIRE ROBINSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS, THE EMERALD NECKLACE GROUP, AND ALSO A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE STORM WATER FEE MEASURE. WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO CATCH UP WITH OUR PEERS ACROSS THE NATION IN OTHER METROPOLITAN AREAS. GREAT CITIES OF THE WORLD NEED TO



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BE SUSTAINABLE. THIS MEASURE, AS STRUCTURED, WILL SUPPORT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH HAS TREMENDOUS WATER QUALITY AND LONG-TERM HEALTH BENEFITS. FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS, WE'VE WORKED TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR STUDENTS BY GREENING SCHOOLS AND CONNECTING FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS TO MULTI-OBJECTIVE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES. WE'D LIKE TO HELP WORK THROUGH THE CONCERNS THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE WITH THE MEASURE AND EXPEDITE OUR REGION'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLEAN WATER ACT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND SUPPORT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NANCY STEELE. SHELLEY LUCE. LUIS CABRALES, BELINDA FAUSTINOS. KIRSTEN JAMES. TORY KJER. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE 2-1/2 HOURS IN AT THIS POINT. HOW MANY OF YOU ARE PREPARED TO GO THE DISTANCE, RAISE YOUR HAND? MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. ALL RIGHT, PUT YOUR HAND DOWN. [LAUGHTER.] PROCEED.

SPEAKER: HONORABLE CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER CORPORATION, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF CLEANING AND PROTECTING OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AND THE IMPACT OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION ON THE REGION. WE URGENTLY



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NEED NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF STORM WATER. THE ISSUE AFFECTS ALL OF US IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION. AND POOR WATER QUALITY DIRECTLY IMPACTS OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY IN TOURISM AND RECREATION AS WELL AS IMPACTING PROPERTY VALUES AND OUR FUTURE WATER SUPPLY. DOING NOTHING WILL ONLY EXACERBATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH, FURTHER DEGRADE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND MISS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHEN WE COULD MOST BENEFIT FROM NEW JOBS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. INSTEAD, WE CAN BE PROACTIVE AND ESTABLISH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR PROTECTING AND INCREASING OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MA'AM.

LINDA HARTZELL: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LAURA HARTZELL. I'M WITH THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST, A NONPROFIT THAT CREATES --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SERGEANTS, PARDON ME FOR A MOMENT. THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING NEED TO DO SO QUIETLY SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE'LL GIVE YOU SECONDS BACK. THANK YOU. YOU MAY PROCEED.



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LINDA HARTZELL: OKAY. I'M WITH THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST, A NONPROFIT THAT CREATES PARKS AND GARDENS IN LOW INCOME, UNDERSERVED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE SUPPORT THE MEASURE. WE FEEL IT WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY BUT EXPAND GREEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE A FEW CONCERNS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE INITIATIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT ALLOCATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SMALL MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS TO ENSURE FUNDING WILL REACH THE MOST UNDERSERVED AREAS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE'D LIKE TO SEE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY IN HELPING IMPLEMENT THE MEASURE. AND WE'D LIKE TO NOTE OUR SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF A GRADUATED FEE BASED ON B.M.P. COMPLIANCE BY THE PROPERTIES. WE FEEL LIKE THIS COULD BE A POWERFUL TOOL TO ADDRESS NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION AS WELL AS MAKE THE FEE MORE AFFORDABLE TO OWNERS WHO INVEST IN SOUND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MA'AM?

NANCY STEELE: GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NANCY STEELE. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH. I'M HERE TO VOICE OUR ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT



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FOR THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT AND PROPERTY OWNER OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH HAS A VISION THAT IN 2025 THE LOS ANGELES REGION WILL BE A MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE, URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT WITH CLEAN WATERS, RELIABLE LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES, RESTORED NATIVE HABITATS, AMPLE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, REVITALIZED RIVERS AND URBAN CENTERS. WE BELIEVE BY PROVIDING FUNDING AND A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, CITIES AND THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS AND ACHIEVE A MORE SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT REGION. IF APPROVED BY VOTERS, THIS MEASURE CAN BE A CATALYST. THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH ASKS THAT YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BRING THIS MEASURE BEFORE THOSE WHO WILL PAY FOR IT, THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU. SIR?

LUIS CABRALES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS LUIS CABRALES. I'M OUTREACH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER AT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY. I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE NEED FOR A FEE TO PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES. IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT OUR COMMUNITY, OUR RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DIRE NEED THAT WE HAVE HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR WATER. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY HAS NOT YET MADE



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A DECISION ON THIS FEE BALLOT MEASURE, BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AND WE HOPE THAT THESE INSTITUTIONS WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS THAT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING MY COLLEAGUES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT ARE PRESENTING TO YOU. BECAUSE WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO PUT TOGETHER A MEASURE IN THE BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MA'AM?

SHELLEY LUCE: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SHELLEY LUCE. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION. AND WE ARE GREENING OUR CITIES BY BRINGING NATURE BACK IN THE FORM OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES THAT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE CLEANING UP POLLUTED RUNOFF. OUR COMMISSION HAS DIRECTED \$40 MILLION IN STATE BOND FUNDING TO L.A. COUNTY AND CITIES FOR WATER QUALITY CLEANUP PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE NEW PARKS AND PLAYING FIELDS AND OTHER FACILITIES. AND WE'RE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT THESE PUBLIC PLACES ARE SUPPORTED AND MAINTAINED AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS THAT WE'VE ALL INVESTED IN. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT THE IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS MAILED AND THAT THAT ORDINANCE REQUIRE ENFORCEABLE CRITERIA AND PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF ALL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FUNDED. AND I HOPE THAT THIS BALLOT MEASURE GOES FORWARD AND THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH A CLEAN



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WATER FEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. LIZ CROSSON, JOE GEAVER. JOE M. INEZ MOGUL. INEZ MOGUL. MITZI MOGUL. BRUCE LAZENBY. ANDREA GULLO. AND FINALLY, WESTON LABAR. PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE.

BELINDA FAUSTINOS: GOOD AFTERNOON. BELINDA VAILLOS FAUSTINOS. AND I'M HERE BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND TO APPLAUD THE COUNTY ACTUALLY FOR TAKING SUCH A POSITIVE PUBLIC POLICY POSITION ON SOMETHING THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT. HAVING MY OWN EXPERIENCE AND ALSO BRINGING WITH ME THE OVER 200 YEARS OF CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE OF A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE BUT BELIEVE WE CAN'T PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO ADDRESS SOME OTHER CRITICAL FACTORS SUCH AS THE FACT THAT WITH OUR CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE, AGAIN FUNDING MEASURES, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF YOUTH AT RISK TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE AN ALLOCATION IN THIS MEASURE THAT WILL ASSIST WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUTH AT RISK, JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SO ENSURING THAT THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE MEASURE THAT WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYERS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. ALSO, MAKING SURE THAT THESE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR SMALL PROJECTS. SO WE HAVE



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DISTRIBUTED SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TO THESE ISSUES IS ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT. WE ALSO WANT TO SEE THAT THERE IS SOME FUNDING IN THIS PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION BECAUSE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN IS WHAT'S GOING TO TURN THIS AROUND. SO MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS ARE SOCIAL PROBLEMS WE HAVE TO ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

KIRSTEN JAMES: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIRSTEN JAMES. AND I'M THE WATER QUALITY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. EXCUSE MY VOICE. ON BEHALF OF HEAL THE BAY, I'M HERE TODAY TO STRONGLY SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FUNDING MEASURE. HEAL THE BAY HAS WORKED ON WATER QUALITY ISSUES IN L.A. COUNTY FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES. AND THIS MEASURE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SUPPORT WATER QUALITY PROJECTS THAT ARE CRITICALLY ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVING AND PROTECTING LOS ANGELES' RIVERS AND COASTLINES, AS WELL AS OUR FUTURE WATER SUPPLY AND SUSTAINABILITY. WE ARE TRULY INVESTED TO INSURE THAT THIS MEASURE MOVES FORWARD AS STRONG ENOUGH AS POSSIBLE AND IN A SUCCESSFUL MANNER. WHILE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT DEDICATED FUNDING IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, THERE ARE STILL A FEW THINGS THAT NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET THERE TOGETHER. FOR INSTANCE, AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, WE NEED TO



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MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE WITH ENFORCEABLE CRITERIA ADOPTED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE BALLOT MEASURE. WE NEED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR FOLKS THAT HAVE ALREADY GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER AND PARTNERING TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

TORI KJER: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TORI KJER, AND I WORK THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE A NATIONAL NONPROFIT THAT WORKS TO GET LAND FOR PEOPLE FOR PARKS, GARDENS, OPEN SPACE AND STORM WATER AND WATER QUALITY, CLEAN BEACHES ARE ALL DIRECTLY RELATED TO QUALITY OF LIFE AND OPEN SPACE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT URBAN RUNOFF FROM THE STREETS, YARDS, PARKING LOTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFECTS EVERYONE. WATER FLOWS INTO THE RIVERS, THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER, THE RIO HONDO, THE L.A. RIVER AND MANY OTHER CREEKS AND STREAMS THAT WE HAVE. AND THAT WE BELIEVE AND SUPPORT THOUGHTFUL PLANNING AND PROACTIVE ACTIONS TO MAINTAIN QUALITY OF LIFE. WE DO ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT STILL NEED TO BE RESOLVED, BUT WE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS ORDINANCE, THIS MEASURE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM?



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LIZ CROSSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LIZ CROSSON, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES WATER KEEPER, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SANTA MONICA BAY KEEPER. WE WORK ON WATER ISSUES TO PROTECT AND RESTORE WATERWAYS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AND AS I THINK AS YOU CAN PROBABLY RECOGNIZE, THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION IN WHICH WE'RE ACTUALLY HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S EFFORT TO PASS THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE, AND THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY REASONS FOR THAT. FIRST OF ALL, STORM WATER POLLUTION IS THE NUMBER ONE SOURCE OF POLLUTION IN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE SERIOUS ISSUES NOT ONLY AT OUR BEACHES, WHERE PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK BUT ALSO IN OUR RIVERS, WHERE PEOPLE FISH AND RECREATE. NUMBER TWO, THIS MEASURE IS FOR EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE BEACHES. IT IS ALSO ABOUT INLAND COMMUNITIES. IT'S ABOUT OPEN SPACE. IT'S ABOUT PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF WATER THAT'S LOCAL. SO FOR THOSE TWO REASONS WE DO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE TODAY. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE ISSUES AND WE'VE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO YOU ALONG WITH SEVERAL MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEED MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CRITERIA AS WELL AS INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?



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JOE GEAVER: MY NAME IS JOE GEAVER AND I'M THE WATER PROGRAMS MANAGER FOR SURFRIDER FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL OFFICE. I ALSO LIVE IN LONG BEACH. WE HOPE YOU RECEIVED THE LETTER THAT LIZ JUST REFERENCED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES.

JOE GEAVER: AND THAT YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT. WE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE CONDITIONAL ON RESOLVING SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE ARTICULATED IN THAT LETTER. BUT IMPORTANTLY FOR TODAY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE THINK OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL RESOLVE THE PROTESTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, RESIDENCES AND BUSINESSES. AND SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THAT LETTER AND FOLLOW US, AND WORK WITH US TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES. OUR THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS IN L.A. STAND READY TO HELP YOU HELP US. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT BY TAKING A STEP TO MEET THE GOALS OF FISHABLE, SWIMMABLE AND DRINKABLE WATERS, A GOAL THAT IS FOUR DECADES OVERDUE. THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JOEL MOGUL: I'M JOEL MOGUL. EVERYONE HERE, I BELIEVE, IS IN FAVOR OF CLEAN WATER. AND EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM CLEAN WATER.



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THERE ARE OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. AND THE QUESTION I POSE IS: WHY IS IT THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS ONCE AGAIN ARE ASKED TO DIG INTO THEIR POCKETS TO PAY FOR WHAT BENEFITS EVERYONE? IF IN FACT THIS IS BENEFICIAL, AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT IS, THEN IN FACT EVERYONE SHOULD BE PAYING FOR IT THROUGH GENERAL TAXES. I WOULD REMIND EACH OF YOU -- [APPLAUSE.] THAT I LEARNED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND I'M SURE YOU DID AS WELL, THOSE REVOLUTIONARY WAR SLOGANS. THE ONE THAT COMES TO MIND IS THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY. PLEASE DON'T DESTROY US. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

MITZI MOGUL: MITZI MOGUL, PROPERTY OWNER AND REPRESENTING A NUMBER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS AND PROPERTY OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS WILL IMPACT HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS WHEN IT IMPACTS PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE ALREADY SPENDING WHAT LITTLE MONEY THEY HAVE LEFT TO RESTORE AND REHABILITATE HISTORIC PROPERTIES. THAT, IN TURN, WILL IMPACT THE VALUE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF URBAN COMMUNITIES AND PREVENT PEOPLE FROM CONTINUING MOVEMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE HERE IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE AND THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES IN OLDER COMMUNITIES TO MAKE THOSE COMMUNITIES MORE HABITABLE. IN 2010, CONGRESS STOPPED



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THE CREDIT CARD COMPANIES FROM USING THIS OPT OUT TACTIC THAT YOU USED ON YOUR FORM DISGUISED AS JUNK MAIL. THIS HAS GOT TO STOP. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

INEZ MOGUL: MY NAME IS INEZ MOGUL. I LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD. YOU'VE HEARD ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS PLEAD FOR EXEMPTIONS. WELL, THE PROPERTY OWNERS CAN'T PAY FOR CLEANING UP EVERYONE'S GARBAGE, IF THAT'S WHAT'S FOULING THE WORKS. SO WE WANT -- IF PEOPLE WANT A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, IT'S UP TO THEM. IT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP IT CLEAN EVEN IF THEY'RE ONLY PASSING THROUGH. THAT'S BASIC DEMOCRACY. EVERYBODY SHARES THE NEED. MOST HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. AND IF YOU CONFISCATE OUR HOUSE WITH MORE AND MORE TAXES UNDER THE GUISE OF CALLING THEM FEES, THEN WHO'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF US WHO HAVE TRIED TO PROVIDE FOR OURSELVES IN OUR OLD AGE? AND WHO -- ARE YOU GOING TO DO IT? IS THE CORPORATION GOING TO DO IT? WHO'S GOING TO HOUSE US? THAT'S TOTALITARIANISM AND THAT'S NOT DEMOCRACY. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

BRUCE LAZENBY: YES, BRUCE LAZENBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF



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BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL PARK. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. BUT WE'RE OPPOSE TO BAD PROCESSES. AND I THINK WHAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY IS A BAD PROCESS. SO FOR AN ISSUE AS LARGE AS THIS, YOU WOULD THINK THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES TAKEN TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC, TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS, TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY. BUT, INSTEAD, I THINK THE PROCESS WAS FLAWED AND LIMITED. SO ON THAT BASIS, ROSE HILLS TAKES A POSITION AGAINST THE PROCESS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

ANDREA GULLO: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ANDREA GULLO. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HABITAT AUTHORITY. WE'RE A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY WITH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF THE COUNTY OF L.A., THE CITY OF WHITTIER, THE SANITATION DISTRICTS OF L.A. COUNTY AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. AT ITS LAST BOARD MEETING THE HABITAT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED FILING PROTEST FORMS FOR THIS MEASURE. WHILE WE ARE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CLEAN WATER ISSUES, THE HABITAT AUTHORITY HOLDS THAT IT'S ALREADY A PART OF THE SOLUTION AND DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM. WE SUBMITTED A PROTEST



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LETTER DATED JANUARY 7 FOR THE 79 PARCELS OWNED BY THE AGENCY. THE PROPOSED FEE ASSESSED ON US IS OVER \$74,000, A DISPROPORTIONAL AMOUNT OF OUR 1800 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE. THE ENGINEERS' REPORT PROVIDES LITTLE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT RATE CATEGORY THAT WAS USED. AND FOR THE 1 PERCENT RATE THAT WAS USED FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR PROPERTIES, IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: INDEED. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WELL WE'RE GOING HEAR FROM LISA, FIMIAN, LINDA ABRAMS, KATHLEEN TRINITY, JAIME GARCIA, JODY THOMAS, BILL TALIAFERRO, IN THAT ORDER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD PURSUANT TO YOUR NAME HAVING BEEN CALLED. WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE HEARING. SIR.

WESTON LABAR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WESTON LABAR, AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OUR OVER 1,000 BUSINESS MEMBERS. THE CHAMBER IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE BIZFED COALITION THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN OF OPEN TODAY. AND UNFORTUNATELY THE WAY THE MEASURE IS WRITTEN NOW WE HAVE TO STRONGLY OPPOSE IT, ALTHOUGH NOBODY IS AGAINST CLEAN WATER. WE FEEL THERE LIKE THERE'S MANY FAULTS THE WAY THIS IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN AND WE URGE YOU TO PUSH IT OFF AS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY WITH YOU AS A BOARD TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT SOME COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS ON WAYS



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TO IMPLEMENT THIS. SO I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME TODAY AND I HOPE YOU CONSIDER DELAYING THIS UNTIL WE CAN COME UP WITH SOME BETTER SOLUTIONS THAT AREN'T CONCERN TO OUR SCHOOLS AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

LISA FIMIAN: HELLO MY NAME IS LISA FIMIAN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS. FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS SUPPORTS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. AS THE NONPROFIT GROUP MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE BALLONA WETLANDS FOR OVER 35 YEARS NOW, WE CLEARLY SEE EVERY DAY THE NEED FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION IN THE BALLONA CREEK AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR HEALTH, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT. WHILE WE URGE YOU TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO APPROPRIATE REBATE OR INCENTIVE LANGUAGE FOR PROPERTY OWNER INITIATED WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, WE SUPPORT THE MEASURE'S BASIC OBJECTIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES WATER QUALITY MEASURE WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE MORE MULTI-USE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROJECTS LIKE THE RECONSTRUCTED 10-YEAR-OLD BALLONA FRESH WATER MARSH WHICH THE FRIENDS HELPED DESIGN. THE BALLONA FRESH WATER MARSH IS A STORM WATER BEST MANAGEMENT



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PRACTICE OF THE TYPE WHICH WOULD BE MOST COMMON THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY IF THIS MEASURE PASSES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

LISA FIMIAN: AND I HAVE A LETTER TO SUBMIT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: PLEASE DO. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

LINDA ABRAMS: LINDA ABRAMS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, RESIDENT. AN OLD QUAKER EXPRESSION READS, "SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER" SO YOU WILL PLEASE UNDERSTAND IF I SPEAK PLAINLY TO YOU. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY STAFF, YOU WERE ALL HIRED TO PROVIDE COUNTY SERVICES. PART OF YOUR JOB ALREADY IS TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES, REGIONAL APPROACH OR OTHERWISE. YOUR CLAIM NOW THAT YOU CANNOT DO THAT JOB WITH THE EXISTING BILLIONS OF REVENUE THAT YOU HAVE UNLESS YOU EXTRACT MORE TAX MONEY FROM US TO CREATE A NEW SLUSH FUND IS AN ADMISSION OF FAILURE ON YOUR OWN PART AND AN ABDICATION OF YOUR JOB. YOU OUGHT TO RESIGN IN SHAME OR BE FIRED. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY I GRACIOUSLY SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.



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ALL RIGHT?

LINDA ABRAMS: I WAS WATCHING THE SECOND HAND, AND MAY I GRACIOUSLY AND RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOU, SIR?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOU MAY INDEED. PROCEED.

KATHLEEN TRINITY: MR. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M KATHLEEN TRINITY FROM ACTON, A PERMEABLE GROUND AREA. THE QUESTION TODAY IS NOT JUST WHETHER WATER WILL BE CLEAN OR OUR BEACHES WILL BE CLEAN AND SAFE, BUT WHETHER YOU WILL PRESIDE OVER THE LAST GASPS OF THE MIDDLE CLASS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, OUR SCHOOLS AND NONPROFITS. PERHAPS YOU DON'T EXPERIENCE IT, BUT PLEASE LOOK AROUND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TODAY A LOT OF MIDDLE CLASS AND LOWER INCOME EARNERS ARE STRUGGLING. STRUGGLING TO RAISE CHILDREN, STRUGGLING TO TAKE CARE OF ELDERLY PARENTS, PAYING HIGHER MEDICAL INSURANCE, PAYING NEW FIRE PROTECTION FEES OR TAXES AND FLOOD CONTROL TAXES, PAY SCHOOL BOARD ASSESSMENTS. RETIREES ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO KEEP GAS IN THE CAR, WATER AND ELECTRICITY GOING. MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST VALUE IN THEIR HOMES AND HAVE A REDUCED WORKLOAD OR HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. OUR PROPERTY TAXES AND INCOME TAXES ARE HIGH. I'M HERE TO SAY WE CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.



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[APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. GERALD PELTON, PRISCILLA BENSON. CRUZ GOMEZ. THOMAS MALLEN. HENRY PETERSON. HARRY PETERSON. PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOU ARE HERE. FOLLOWED BY MITZI MOGUL. I THINK WE HEARD FROM MITZI MOGUL ALREADY. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED.

JODY THOMAS: GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JODY THOMAS. I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND PRESIDENT OF THE OLD TOPANGA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. I SUPPORT PUTTING THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT SO THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN CHOOSE TO MAKE WATER QUALITY A LONG-TERM PRIORITY. IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT FOR EVERY DOLLAR RAISED, A DOLLAR AND 50 CENTS IS GENERATED IN NEW JOBS FOR L.A. COUNTY. REDUCING AND CLEANING UP STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF CONTAMINANTS BEFORE THEY ENTER OUR OCEAN IS VITAL SO THAT ALL ANGELINOS TODAY AND TOMORROW CAN BE ASSURED OF CLEAN WATER. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?

JAIME GARCIA: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPICE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THIS BOARD DELAY ANY ACTION ON SCHEDULING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THIS MEASURE. I DON'T BELIEVE THIS



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MEASURE IS READY FOR PRIME TIME AND NEEDS SOME CONTINUED WORK IN TERMS OF FLESHING OUT MANY OF THE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE HAVE ALREADY BEEN STATED FOR THE RECORD. AND SO FOR THE PURPOSES OF TIME, I JUST WANTED TO CONVEY OUR CONCERNS AND HOPEFULLY I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BIZFED TO REALLY ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES BEFORE PUTTING THIS MEASURE FOR A VOTE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

GERALD PELTON: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS GERALD PELTON AND I OWN SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN VALENCIA AND SANTA CLARITA. I AM ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF THE VALENCIA COMMERCE CENTER ASSOCIATION THAT OVERSEES A 9 MILLION SQUARE FOOT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN SANTA CLARITA. I AS AN OWNER AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD PROTEST THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. NUMBER 1, WE BELIEVE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE PARCEL OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED IN JANUARY FOR THE PROTEST OPPORTUNITY WAS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED. NUMBER TWO, THERE ARE NO FEE REDUCTIONS FOR PARCEL OWNERS, OF WHICH I AM ONE, WHO ALREADY PAY FOR ON-SITE CAPTURE AND TREATMENT. NUMBER 3, THERE ARE NO SPECIFICS ABOUT THE SERVICES THIS MEASURE WOULD FUND. NUMBER 4, THE FEE PROPOSED



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IS INDEFINITE WITH NO SUNSET CLAUSE OR OTHER ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECTS ARE MEETING THE INTENDED CLEAN WATER GOALS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.

GERALD PELTON: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: INDEED. REYNA DIAZ, LISA RUFFNER, ANNE HENDERSON, WILLIAM MORRISON, AND BONNIE WELCH. ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS HERE? GOING ONCE? GOING TWICE? IT'S ABOUT TO BE GONE. THANK YOU.

SUZIE RUFFNER: HI, MY NAME IS SUZIE RUFFNER, I'M SPEAKING FOR LISA RUFFNER, WHO HAD TO GO. WE REPRESENT THE HASLEY CANYON MOBILE HOME PARK WHICH IS OWNED BY MY RETIRED AND ELDERLY MOTHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW. BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTIME WHICH HAS AFFECTED THE ECONOMIC CLASS OF OUR RESIDENTS ESPECIALLY HARD, WE NOW HAVE ONLY ABOUT 100 SPACES FILLED OUT OF 113 SPACES WE NORMALLY HAVE FILLED DURING ECONOMIC GOOD TIMES. THE WAY THE FEE IS CALCULATED, IT ASSUMES PARCEL AREA AND ISSUES A PERCENTAGE FACTOR. BUT WE ARE A VERY RURAL AREA. THE ESTIMATE ASSESSMENT FOR THE MOBILE HOME PARK IS OVER \$29,000. THIS IS ABOUT \$25 PER SPACE PER MONTH. NOT THE TYPICAL FEE OF \$54. THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS ARE LOW



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INCOME AND MY IN-LAWS HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO KEEP RENTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES. THIS WILL BE A HUGE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR US AND OUR RESIDENTS AND THEREFORE WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. BRIAN BODELL? ISABEL DUVIVIER. JOHN MENDOZA. CLARE CAREY. ZARA BENNETT. ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS HERE? IF YOU'RE HERE, JUST ELEVATE YOUR HAND SO THAT WE CAN SEE YOU. THERE THEY ARE. COME ON DOWN. RAPHEL ALVAREZ. PETER LIN. JULIA MOYE. ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS HERE? MIMI SOTO. ALL RIGHT. SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DON KNABE, I LIVE IN THE CITY OF POMONA WHERE THE VICE MAYOR WHO SITS ON THE WATER COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL OPPOSED THE TAX MEASURE TWO WEEKS AGO. I SUPPORT THE TAX AS A NECESSARY TOOL TO CLEAN UP THE ENVIRONMENT BUT IT'S TOO HIGH FOR MANY LOW INCOME RESIDENTS. I HOPE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN CLEAN UP THE LANGUAGE AND PUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE PRESENTED HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU MAY PROCEED.

CLARE CAREY: ME?



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES, YOU.

CLARE CAREY: HELLO, MY NAME IS CLARE CAREY. I AM A TAXPAYER, A RESIDENT BUT I COME HERE TODAY REALLY AS A PARENT OF TWO CHILDREN IN THE L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOL SYSTEM. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SOME COLLEAGUES TO GREEN OUR CAMPUS. WE HAVE TAKEN 25,000 SQUARE FEET OF ASPHALT AND REMOVED IT AND WE'RE PUTTING A WILDLIFE REFUGE IN. AND WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT THE L.A.U.S.D. IS ACTUALLY VERY COOPERATIVE. I MEAN WE'RE VERY PUSHY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE FOUND PEOPLE IN L.A.U.S.D. WHO ARE ABSOLUTELY INTERESTED IN GREENING THE SCHOOLS. STEVE ZIMMER JUST WROTE A RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL NUTRITION AND GARDENS AND TYING IT TOGETHER. SO I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GREAT WILL WITHIN THE L.A.U.S.D. TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT. AND I ALSO HAVE FOUND THAT THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS GREENING, THAT THERE IS PRIVATE MONEY. THERE'S MANY, MANY, MANY GRANTS. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS GROUNDSWELL AND A MOVEMENT TO GREEN SCHOOLS. I WOULD URGE YOU TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY WHO SAY THAT THEY'RE FOR THE PEOPLE, MY CONCERN IS THAT THEIR CONCERN ONLY IS FISCAL. THE ONLY THING THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IS MONEY. AND I UNDERSTAND IT. I'M PERSONALLY LATE ON MY MORTGAGE, TOO. I GET IT. HOWEVER, AS A PARENT, OUR BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY -- OH NO IS --



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: OH YES.

CLARE CAREY: IS TO GREEN CAMPUSES THEREFORE GREEN OUR WORLD.
AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT IF GOVERNMENT FOR THE
PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.
THAT'S THE PART WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO HERE. WE NEED TO
PROTECT THIS EARTH THAT WE LIVE IN BECAUSE WE ALL LIVE HERE
RED, BLUE ALL OF US LIVE IN THIS GREEN EARTH. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: HELLO?

CLARE CAREY: YES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ISABELLE DUVIVIER: HI, MY NAME IS ISABELLE DUVIVIER. I'M A
PROPERTY OWNER AND AN ARCHITECT. I SUPPORT THIS BALLOT
MEASURE. I SUCCESSFULLY WORKED ON THE REMODEL OF A MORE THAN A
QUARTER ACRE REMOVAL OF ASPHALT AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN VENICE.
DURING A RAIN EVENT, THIS FIVE-ACRE SITE IN THE PAST FLOODED
ADJACENT STREETS. A GROUP OF PARENTS AND NEIGHBORS GOT
TOGETHER TO RAISE MONEY AND DESIGN AND INSTALL RAIN GARDENS,
PLANT HUNDREDS OF TREES, CREATE SWALES IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS
TO ALLOW THE CAPTURE OF WATER TO INFILTRATE. THE BENEFIT WAS
HUGE AND SUCCESSFUL. IN FACT WE DID A PHASE 2, WHICH INCLUDED



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ANOTHER QUARTER-ACRE REMOVAL OF ASPHALT TO PLANT THEME GARDENS AND A SHAKESPEARE GARDEN. WE WORKED SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE L.A.U.S.D. TEACHERS, THE PRINCIPAL. WHILE THIS SMALL INTERVENTION DIDN'T SOLVE ALL THE RUNOFF PROBLEM FROM THE FIVE ACRES OF PAVEMENT, WE CHANGED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN BY PROVIDING HABITAT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING. THE SCHOOL NOW HAS A GARDEN TEACHER, A GREENING COMMITTEE, AND MANY CHILDREN THAT GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY ALL THE TIME. IF THIS MEASURE PASSES, IMAGINE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE THE MONEY TO CREATE AN OASIS OF LEARNING. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. LET ME SAY SOMETHING TO THOSE WHO ARE OBJECTING TO THE REMARKS THAT ARE BEING MADE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I THINK WE'VE HAD AN ORDERLY HEARING AND A HEARING THAT'S GOVERNED BY CIVILITY. NOW, I WILL WANT TO STRONGLY AND AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE DISCOURAGE ANYTHING THAT IS REMINISCENT OF BOOING AND THE LIKE. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED. PLEASE PROCEED.

ZARA BENNETT: MY NAME IS ZARA BENNETT. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS MEASURE. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER IN WEST L.A. AND I'M A RETIRED COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO'S TURNED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST, BECAUSE WHEN MY TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN, I SAW THAT THESE WERE PRESSING ISSUES AND THAT I COULD BEST WEIGH IN ON THEM BY WORKING TOWARDS EDUCATION, THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL



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CHANGE AND PRESERVATION. AND SO I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE BECAUSE I THINK IT MATTERS. AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN EDUCATION ALL MY LIFE, I SEE THAT THIS MEASURE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EFFECT CHANGE AND TO CHANGE THE WAY WE IN LOS ANGELES AND L.A. COUNTY RELATE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT THROUGH MANAGING OUR WATER AND THINKING ABOUT OUR OCEANS AND WATERSHEDS IN IMPORTANT WAYS. AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. BECAUSE THIS MEASURE PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR GREENING CAMPUSES AND FOR TRAINING STEWARDS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER?

MIMI SOTO: YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS MIMI SOTO AND I REPRESENT S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I AM ALSO THE UNION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MEMBERS WHO ACTUALLY DO THE STORM WATER WORK FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE HERE IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE. YOU KNOW, THERE'S NEVER A GOOD ECONOMIC TIME. WHEN IT'S GOOD, PEOPLE SAY WE NEED TO SAVE FOR WHEN IT'S NOT GOOD. THE BUDGET WAS JUST BALANCED IN CALIFORNIA. AND A LITTLE SURPLUS WE HAVE AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT THERE TAKES MONEY TO NOT ONLY MAINTAIN THESE BUT TO ALSO, THEY ALSO NEED TO BE, A LOT OF THEM REDONE. LOS ANGELES IS VERY OLD. AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS FALLING. YOU HEAR ABOUT ALL THESE PIPES THAT BURST AND SO FORTH. THEY ARE REALLY, REALLY



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IN BAD SHAPE. WE ARE NOT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. PEOPLE, TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH RAISING CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND SO FORTH, NEED TO HAVE CLEAN WATER. WE DON'T NEED TO LIVE LIKE A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT AND WE NEED TO. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. WE'LL HEAR FROM CAM NOLTEMAYER. KEVIN IVY, TERRY CRAIN. HORACE HEIDT. JERRY SCHUBEL. LIZ CROSSON. ANGEL CABRAL, JR. TRACY RAFTER, CINDY HYNES, LISA BAILEY. STEVE COLF. GAYLE HARRIS. CYNTHIA KIMURA. MARTHA COX NITIKMAN. WAYNE BERGERON. EILEEN HUPP. EDWARD HEADINGTON AND NICOLAS NELSON. SANDY MANGIO. IF I HAVE CALLED YOUR NAME, DON'T BE BASHFUL, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE MICROPHONE. MA'AM?

JULIA MOYE: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JULIA MOYE, AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR 4,000 MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD A RESOLUTION FROM OUR BRANCH AS WELL AS A LETTER FROM OUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE. LAST YEAR OUR BRANCH RELEASED ITS 2012 REPORT CARD ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND RATED THE EXISTING STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR URBAN RUNOFF AT A D. WE NOT ONLY FEEL THAT THIS DEDICATED FUNDING WOULD



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IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF STORM WATER IN OUR WATER BODIES BUT IT WOULD ALSO CREATE JOBS AND SPUR THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRIES ESPECIALLY THAT INNOVATE, DEVELOP, DESIGN, BUILD AND MAINTAIN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH BY SUPPORTING ENTITIES. IN ADDITION, CITIZENS WOULD DERIVE AESTHETIC AND RECREATIONAL SERVICE VALUES THROUGH THE IMPROVED HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM OF OUR WATER BODIES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU AS ELECTED OFFICIALS PRIORITIZE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MA'AM. YOU MAY PROCEED.

CAM NOLTEMEYER: CAM NOLTEMEYER. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. THIS IS DOUBLE TAXATION FOR US. THIS IS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. THIS IS AN IMPROPER USE OF PROPOSITION 218. 50 PERCENT OF WHAT WOULD BE ALLOCATED UNDER THIS GOES TO NINE WATERSHED AUTHORITY GROUPS. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW THAT IS GOING TO BE ALLOCATED. L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CLEARLY STATED IN THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN YOUR PACKET THAT THIS PROCESS AND OTHER WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS WILL BE IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THIS CANNOT BE ON PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY. THIS HAS TO BE A GENERAL, THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE STOPPED RIGHT HERE AND NOW. I FULLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AND I BELIEVE THIS HAS TO BE BROUGHT BACK AS A GENERAL



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ELECTION PROCESS FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER SUPERVISORS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?

KEVIN IVY: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. KEVIN IVY, RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN WESTCHESTER AND IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORY DISTRICT. TODAY I REPRESENT N.A.O.P. SO. CAL. WE ARE AN ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS. AND ON BEHALF OF OUR 900 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEMBERS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR BIZFED COALITION PARTNERS, WE ARE OPPOSED TO WHAT AMOUNTS TO A PARCEL TAX FOR STORM WATER RUNOFF PROGRAMS AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU VOTE THIS MEASURE DOWN AND THAT IT NOT MOVE FORWARD. IN REALITY, THERE IS ALREADY A HUGE REGULATORY SYSTEM IN PLACE WHICH INCLUDES FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL CLEAN WATER ACTS. MOREOVER, THE PRIVATE SECTOR ALREADY IS ENGAGED IN MEETING CLEAN WATER AND STORM WATER RUNOFF RULES WHEN IT COMPLIES WITH LOCAL BUILDING CODE. TO DEMONSTRATE, HOWEVER, THAT WE'RE NOT JUST ABOUT SAYING NO, N.A.O.P. SO. CAL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PROVED THAT IT CAN COOPERATE WITH COUNTY STAFF AND WE HAVE DONE SO IN THE REVISIONS TO LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND DROUGHT TOLERANT ORDINANCES WHICH WE COMPLETED IN 2008. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT WE HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, THAT THIS PROGRAM, OR THAT



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THIS ORDINANCE GO BACK TO COUNTY STAFF AND THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE AT THE TABLE FOR REVISIONS IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

HORACE HEIDT: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HORACE HEIDT. I'M VICE CHAIR OF THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OUT AT SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WE ARE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION AND IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN. AND WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL OF THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. WHICH APPRECIATE THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH US IN GOOD FAITH TO TRY TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS. PRESENTLY THE MEASURE IS NOWHERE NEAR READY TO MOVE FORWARD. SO WE ASK YOU TO GIVE ALL OF US MORE TIME. I AM A RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER. AND MY FEE WILL BE IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 A YEAR. I DON'T CONSIDER THAT MY FAIR SHARE. ALSO, WE CANNOT PASS THIS ON TO THE RESIDENTS IN OUR PROPERTY. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MONEY MAY BE USED AND COULD BE USED TO BUY PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE NEW LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PROJECT. THAT WOULD BE A MISUSE OF THESE FUNDS. THE MEASURE WILL LIKELY FACE INSURMOUNTABLE OPPOSITION IF IT MOVES FORWARD AT THIS TIME. WE URGE YOU TO GIVE ALL PARTIES THE TIME THEY NEED TO WORK OUT AN EQUITABLE RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
SIR?

ANGEL CABRAL: THANK YOU. I'M AN INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMAN. I'D
LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW I MISSED WORK TO BE HERE TODAY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: AND YOUR NAME IS?

ANGEL CABRAL: MY NAME IS ANGEL CABRAL, JR. YOU'RE KILLING ME.
HERE ARE SOME OF MY TAXES. PROPERTY TAXES. I OWN OVER 20
PARCELS. THE RED ONES, WELL YOU KNOW WHAT THE RED ONES ARE,
THEY'RE LATE. THIS JUST ADDS MORE WEIGHT TO MY BACK FOR ME TO
STRAP ON. I'M NOT ON WELFARE GETTING A FREE RIDE. TO SAY OH
YEAH LET'S TAKE YOUR PENSION. LET'S TAKE YOUR PENSION. THAT'S
KILLING ME. TO PUT IT ON MY BACK AND SAY WELL YOU WORK, YOU
CAN PAY FOR IT. IT DON'T WORK THAT WAY. IN MY HOUSE WHEN WE
DON'T HAVE MONEY, WE DON'T EAT PIZZA. WE DO WITHIN OUR BUDGET.
IT DOESN'T TAKE A MATH SCIENTIST TO FIGURE THAT OUT. THANK
YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE.

TRACY RAFTER: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU. I'M TRACY RAFTER,
THE FOUNDING C.E.O. OF BIZFED, THE L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS



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FEDERATION. AS YOU HEARD FROM MANY MEMBERS TODAY, WE'VE ORGANIZED 110 TOP BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY REPRESENTING OVER 250,000 COMPANIES. WE JOINED FORCES WITH YOU THAT DAY, YOU TOOK THE VOTE THIS SUMMER TO LOOK INTO THIS MEASURE. WE BEGAN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY STAFF. WE'VE HAD MANY MEETINGS WITH ALL OF YOUR OFFICES AS WELL AS THE COUNTY C.E.O. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR 88 CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES FACE A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE ON COMPLYING WITH THE CLEAN WATER ACT. WE'RE REALISTS AND WE'RE VERY PRAGMATIC. BUT WHEN WE SAW THAT THERE WAS A FEE OR A TAX THAT WOULD GENERATE \$9 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS AND THAT WE WOULD BE THE ONES PAYING THAT, WE TOOK SERIOUS INTEREST IN THAT AND WE CAME TO THE TABLE AND SAID LET'S MAKE SURE FOR THAT \$9 BILLION WE WILL GET SUCCESSFUL, SUSTAINABLE ACHIEVEMENT WITH THAT MONEY. WHEN WE ASKED THE QUESTIONS, WE DID NOT GET ANY ANSWERS. THERE'S NO SPECIFICITY THERE YET. WE THINK THIS NEEDS MORE TIME. WE WANT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, IF YOU WOULD.

CINDY HYNES: HI, MY NAME IS CINDY HYNES AND I WANT THE THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR L.A. I KNOW YOU GUYS WORK REALLY HARD AT THIS. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. I OPPOSE THE METHOD OF THE



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NOTIFICATION FOR THIS. AND I ALSO OPPOSE THE FEE OR TAX TO OUR ALREADY HIGH PROPERTY TAX RATES. THIS PROGRAM WAS BROUGHT UP AT A TIME WHEN THE ECONOMY WAS STRONGER. IN THIS WEAK ECONOMY, I FEEL IT'S A HUGE MISTAKE TO IMPLEMENT THIS AT THIS TIME. THE PROPERTY TAXES I PAY RIGHT NOW ARE EXTREMELY HIGH. ADDITIONAL FEES DON'T MAKE SENSE. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BUSINESS OWNERS WILL NEED TO PAY HIGHER RENT. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE PASSED ON TO US. WE'LL NEED TO PAY HIGHER TAXES BECAUSE THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO NEED TO BE ABLE TO PAY THIS FEE. AND I JUST ASK YOU AS THE SUPERVISORS AT THIS TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR US, THE PEOPLE. AND I THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED.

GAYLE HARRIS: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GAYLE HARRIS. AND I'M ONE OF THE LEADERS WITH THE VAL VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE REPRESENTING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE LIKE IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MOVEMENT. NUMBER 1, IT WOULD REALLY ADVERSELY, CRITICALLY AFFECT THE ELDERLY AND THE RETIRED CITIZENS. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE SUCH AN IMPACT, NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS. BECAUSE INITIALLY YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AT LOSS OF TEACHERS, LOSS OF MONIES TO SUPPLY MATERIALS. SO I'M ASKING RESPECTFULLY THAT, NUMBER ONE, YOU GIVE US SOME TIME TO WORK OUT EQUITABLE WAYS TO HANDLE THIS CLEAR WATER ISSUE. WE ALL WANT CLEAR WATER. AND



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WE DEFINITELY RESPECT WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

CYNTHIA KIMURA: HI, MY NAME IS CYNTHIA KIMURA. AND I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. AND I OPPOSE THIS FEE. I RECENTLY PURCHASED MY HOME IN VAL VERDE, WHICH IS A RURAL AREA. AND NOW I'M HIT WITH ANOTHER FEE. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR TO KEEP MAKING HOMEOWNERS PAY OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I DO BELIEVE IN CLEAN WATER. JUST NOT THIS WAY. I DID RECEIVE THE MAILER THAT EVERYONE CONSIDERS WAS JUNK. AND I DON'T SEE HOW OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO RESPOND TO THIS WHEN THEY THOUGHT IT WAS JUNK. SO IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. WHAT I'M ASKING IS: YOU HAVE A FAIR BALLOT ELECTION. SEE WHAT THE PEOPLE REALLY WANT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR, YOU MAY PROCEED.

EDWARD HEADINGTON: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN. MY NAME'S ED HEADINGTON. I'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, A HOMEOWNER, PRESIDENT OF THE GRENADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 30,000 STAKEHOLDERS, MOST OF WHICH ARE HOMEOWNERS THAT COULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS TAX. LIKE MANY PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, I'VE TAKEN TIME AWAY FROM WORK AND FAMILY TO BE HERE. AND LIKE MANY OF YOU, I'M ALL FOR CLEAN BEACHES



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AND FOR CLEAN WATER. BUT I STAND OR RATHER I SIT IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS PERMANENT TAX. IT BOILS DOWN TO TWO THINGS. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. IT'S WRONG TO PUSH THROUGH A QUARTER BILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL TAX WITH JUNK MAIL CAMPAIGN DURING THE HOLIDAYS. IT'S WRONG TO CREATE AN UNELECTED AND UNACCOUNTABLE BUREAUCRACY TO SPEND TAXPAYER MONEY WITHOUT SPECIFICS. IT'S WRONG TO PLACE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON HARD WORKING FAMILIES AND FIXED INCOME SENIORS WHO ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING. THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS. BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THOSE DETAILS ARE. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT THIS WILL BE A PERMANENT TAX. THERE'S NO APPEAL. THERE'S NO END DATE. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO STOP THIS TAX. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS -- I'M A BELL RESIDENT. I'M AN ACTIVIST. AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT ONE MINUTE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME. WE ARE TAXED TO DEATH. I NEVER RECEIVED THE JUNK MAIL. FIVE MAJOR BANKS HAVE PLEADED GUILTY AND NOT ONE OF THEM IS BEING CHARGED. ALL OUR AMERICAN FAMILIES ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES. I THINK WE'RE BECOMING BLACKMAILED. I THINK GREED AND CORRUPTION IS DESTROYING THE WORLD. AND I THINK OUR VETERANS WILL BE ROLLING OVER IN THEIR GRAVES IF THEY GOT TO SEE WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT. I WANT ALL THE PEOPLE, WE ARE THE SLEEPING, TAX-PAYING GIANTS. I WANT



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EVERYONE THAT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THESE ISSUES TO PARTICIPATE, GET INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, SIR?

STEVE COLF: MY NAME IS STEVE COLF AND I REPRESENT MY WIFE MARYANNE AND MYSELF. AS SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME, WE HAVE ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT OUR TAX RATE GOES UP 50 PERCENT. IT GOES FROM \$600 A MONTH TO \$1100 A MONTH. ON ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT IS BY AND LARGE OPEN SPACE. ALMOST NO PAVEMENT ON IT WHATSOEVER. AND YOU'RE ASKING US -- THE ONE CONSTANT THREAD TODAY THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY SPEAKER IS THE POOR QUALITY OF THE BROCHURE AND THE COMMUNICATION WITH THAT BROCHURE. YOU'RE ASKING US TO TRUST YOU WITH OUR MONEY WHEN YOU SPEND 1.65 MILLION ON A FAILED BROCHURE AND COMMUNICATION EFFORT. I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. I WANT THIS BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. I WANT IT DONE CORRECTLY AND THEN GIVEN OUT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SIR. MA'AM?

LISA BAILEY: HI, I'M LISA BAILEY, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE



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IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LEGISLATIVE COALITION OF CHAMBERS AND AS A MEMBER OF BIZFED. WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, AND WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL OF THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. ONE OF OUR SPECIFIC CONCERNS IS THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR FEE WAIVERS OR RATE REDUCTIONS FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE STORM WATER PROCESSES IN PLACE. MANY HAVE MADE HUGE INVESTMENTS TO CAPTURE STORM WATER AND THEREFORE ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM. THESE PROPERTIES SHOULD HAVE THEIR FEES WAVED OR SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. TWO SUCH PROPERTIES ARE MILLER CORES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S ENERGY EDUCATION CENTER, BOTH LOCATED IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE TOURS FOR ANY OF YOU TO GO TO EITHER OF THESE PROPERTIES AND SO THAT YOU COULD SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO PUT IN HAND. THIS MEASURE WILL FACE STRONG OPPOSITION IF IT MOVES FORWARD IN ITS CURRENT FORM. THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO GIVE ALL PARTIES THE TIME THEY NEED TO GET IT RIGHT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO HEAR FROM THE NEXT SPEAKER. YOUR NAME IS?

MARTHA COX NITIKMAN: MY NAME IS MARTHA COX NITIKMAN. I REPRESENT THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION WHOSE



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MEMBERS OWN AND MANAGE OVER 155 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION THAT STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS MEASURE AS WRITTEN AND WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. THERE ARE SOME SPECIFIC CONCERNS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT. FIRST, THERE ARE NO FEE REDUCTIONS FOR PARCEL OWNERS WHO ALREADY PAY FOR ON-SITE CAPTURE AND TREATMENT. MANY OFFICE BUILDING OWNERS ARE MANDATED TO INSTALL VARIOUS MECHANISMS TO TREAT AND REDUCE RUNOFF AND ARE NOW FACED WITH ADDITIONAL FEES WITHOUT RECEIVING BENEFIT. SECOND, THOUSANDS OF COMMERCIAL OWNERS OPERATE UNDER PERMITS EACH YEAR AT A HIGH COST. PROJECTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE ALLOWED IN THE COUNTY'S STORM WATER PERMIT. WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO GIVE ALL PARTIES THE TIME THEY NEED TO GET THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM DAVID KOO, PAMELA CONLEY, MICHAEL BEASLEY. IF YOU HEAR YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD. JACK HUMPHERILLE. RET DAVILA, WILLIAM WRIGHT. ELIZABETH MARTYN. DAVE KEMP. BRENDON HUFFMAN. NGIABI GICUHI. TERESA YOUNG. ALL RIGHT. NORMAN PLOTKIN. WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU, SIR.



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MICHAEL BEASLEY: THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON. I'LL BE SUBMITTING MY FULL TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD AND I'LL JUST TOUCH ON THE HIGHLIGHTS HERE TODAY. I'M MICHAEL BEASLEY, A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST WITH THE BOEING COMPANY. TODAY WE ARE FILING PROTESTS FOR THE 49 PARCELS THAT WE OWN. IN PART, WE ARE PROTESTING FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: THE INEFFECTIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH. THERE'S NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXISTING STORM WATER LAWS OR THE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS THAT OUR FACILITIES CURRENTLY ARE UNDER. THE TAX FORMULA IS OVERSIMPLIFIED. THERE'S NO SPECIFIC PROJECT CRITERIA. THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE NO SUNSET DATE. FOR THESE REASONS, THE BOEING COMPANY IS OPPOSED TO THE MEASURE AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU. SIR?

SIMBOA WRIGHT: HI, MY NAME IS SIMBOA WRIGHT. I AM A HOMEOWNER IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND I AM AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD. I STARTED AS A TEENAGER WITH YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT WITH MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AS CHAIRMAN NOW. I WENT ON TO L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS CLEAN AND GREEN. AND NOW I'M A PROUD WASTE WATER COLLECTION WORKER WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF SANITATION. I MAINTAIN THESE STORM WATER CATCH BASINS AND FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I SEE WHAT GOES IN THERE, FROM TRASH TO BOTTLES OF AMMONIA,



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BLEACH BOTTLES, MOTOR OIL. AND WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T DO THIS? WHAT HAPPENS IS, IT GOES STRAIGHT TO OUR OCEAN, TO THE L.A. RIVER, SANTA MONICA BAY. SO I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

RITA DAVILA: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS RITA DAVILA. I AM POLICY DIRECTOR OF MUJERES DE LA TIERRA. OUR PRESIDENT IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING A RETREAT IN HER CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL QUALITY CONTROL WATER BOARD. HER NAME IS EVA MUNOZ, AND I WILL READ THIS BRIEF STATEMENT ON HER BEHALF. MUJERES DE LA TIERRA'S POLICY PRINCIPLES SUPPORT MANY OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARCEL FEE BEING PROPOSE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO REMOVE AND PREVENT POLLUTION AND STORM WATER. HOWEVER, THE PROCESS FROM INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS TO THE FORMAL DELIVERY OF THE HEARING NOTICE AND PROTEST PROCEDURE IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED, BECAUSE IT DISADVANTAGES PROPERTY OWNERS WITH NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS WITH NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PENDING MEASURE. GIVEN THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDING FOR UPSTREAM STORM WATER PROJECTS, WE URGE YOU TO DIRECT STAFF TO START THE PROCESS FROM THE BEGINNING TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE,



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OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE PROCESS REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. SIR?

WILLIAM WRIGHT: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS WILL WRIGHT. I WORK FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND I'M ALSO HERE ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS AND LET'S GET IT RIGHT. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEASURE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE HEALTH OF OUR WATERSHED. I WANT TO COMMEND PHIL DOUDAR AND MARK PESTRELLA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HELPING WORK WITH US ON THIS. THEY'RE WILLING TO LISTEN. THEY'RE WILLING TO LET US HAVE INFLUENCE ON THIS ORDINANCE IN THE LANGUAGE SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT THERE IS MORE DESIGN LEADERSHIP ON THE OVERSIGHT BOARD. THE A.I.A. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE ARCHITECTS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT CRITERIA LIST. WE NEED TO FIND WAYS TO HAVE MORE HOLISTIC INFLUENCE SO THAT WE'RE OPTIMIZING OUR INVESTMENTS AND PRESERVING OUR CLEAN WATER. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?



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NORMAN PLOTKIN: MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, NORMAN PLOTKIN REPRESENTING THE AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. IT'S A \$30 BILLION INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYING 250,000 CALIFORNIANS. WE'RE ORGANIZING CURRENTLY OUR THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THIS MEASURE. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT COMPETITION IN THE AFTERMARKET IS FIERCE, UNDER GLOBAL FORCES, PRESSURES FROM GLOBAL FORCES, THE INTERNET, ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, MARGINS ARE THIN AND THERE IS NO WAY TO ABSORB INCREASED COSTS. SO WITH ONLY A MINUTE, I WILL FOREGO MY MANY LEGAL ARGUMENTS THAT I HAVE HERE AND JUST SUGGEST THAT I WOULD ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH ALL OF THE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS YOU'VE HEARD TODAY AND DISASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE ARGUMENTS THAT YOU BELIEVE WERE SPECIOUS. WITH THAT SAID, WE WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU PUT THIS MATTER OVER.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

BRENDAN HUFFMAN: GOOD AFTERNOON. BRENDAN HUFFMAN WITH SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. WE ARE 16 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE BETWEEN L.A. HARBOR AND L.A.X. TOURISM IS A VERY HUGE PART OF OUR ECONOMY. WE NEED CLEAN BEACHES AND SAFE WATER IN ORDER FOR OUR ECONOMY TO THRIVE. THAT BEING SAID, WE'RE VERY DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE PROCESS BY WHICH OUR MEMBERS ARE HEARING ABOUT THIS. SOME OF US, MYSELF INCLUDED, NEVER EVEN GOT THE BALLOT. MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE HEARING ABOUT THIS FOR THE



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FIRST TIME IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER. IN ANY EVENT, WE'D LIKE TO START OVER WITH YOU. WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO START OVER AND COME UP WITH A BETTER PRODUCT THAN WHAT'S ON THE TABLE TODAY. I REMEMBER WHEN I WORKED AT THE L.A. CHAMBER BACK IN '02 THE COUNTY APPROACHED THE L.A. CHAMBER ABOUT A PARCEL TAX TO FUND A VERY BROKEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. DAVID JANSSEN REACHED OUT TO US, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAMBER AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT LARGE ENDING UP SUPPORTING THAT PARCEL TAX. TOGETHER, SAVED THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WE'D LIKE THAT SAME SPIRIT OF COOPERATION MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.

TERESA YOUNG: OKAY. TERESA YOUNG. I OPPOSE THIS MEASURE BECAUSE IT'S REDUNDANT WITH WHAT WE HAVE AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS ON THE MEASURE THAT ARE -- JUST WON'T WORK. TODAY I BROUGHT A BOTTLE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT. IT'S A COKE BOTTLE. I FOUND IT AT MUGU LAGOON, WHICH IS WHERE I WORK. I'VE BEEN WORKING THERE 12 YEARS AS A BIOLOGIST. ON THE BOTTLE IT SAYS VENTURA, HAS ANOTHER THING ON THERE AND THEN IT SAYS VENTURA, CALIFORNIA. SO I KNOW WHERE THIS BOTTLE WAS MADE. AND FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF TRASH, MOST TRASH IS DROPPED WHERE IT WAS USED AND LEFT OFF. SOMETIMES TRANSPORTED BY TRAINS OR CARS AND THROWN OUT THE WINDOW AND SOMETIMES BY OUR WATER. BUT FOR THE MOST PART, WE CAN SEE, BECAUSE I FOUND THIS, THIS IS EARLY



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1950S BOTTLE, THAT IT WAS PROBABLY CONSUMED THERE AND DROPPED THERE. THAT IS TRUE FOR JUST ABOUT MOST TRASH. AND SO HOW DO YOU DO THIS? HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH WHAT YOU CAN'T DO WITH YOUR MEASURE? REBATES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JACK HUMPHERILLE: MY NAME IS JACK HUMPHERILLE, I'M A CONTRIBUTOR TO "CITY WATCH L.A." I OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. THIS \$300 MILLION TAX IS REALLY A \$45 BILLION TAX OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS, AND THAT'S IF WE'RE LUCKY. THE ANNUAL TAX WILL GO FROM 300 MILLION TO AN AVERAGE OF \$1.5 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS, PEAKING AT ABOUT 2-1/2 TO \$3 BILLION DURING THE PEAK YEARS. THE OVERSIGHT THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING IS FLAWED. RATHER THAN APPOINTING A BUNCH OF POLITICAL HACKS, WHY NOT ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT SIMILAR TO WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER HAS DONE WITH ITS RATE PAYERS ADVOCATE. FINALLY, YOU HAVE A BAD PARTNER IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE CITY WILL DIVERT A NUMBER -- A PORTION OF ITS FUNDS, A LARGE PORTION OF ITS FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR SUCH GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES SUCH AS STREET CLEANING AND VARIOUS OTHER THINGS. FINALLY, PARCEL HOLDERS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS UNTIL THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES REFORMS ITS BUDGET, PENSION AND WORKPLACE RULES. IT'S REAL



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SIMPLE. NO REFORM, NO REVENUES. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BILL LORENZEN. NAJMA AKHTAR CHAUDHRY. FRANK HILEMAN. GEORGE SACK, JR. JOSE MORENO. DAVID EVANS. AND ABAUH CHAUDHRY. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. MA'AM.

ELIZABETH MARTYN: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH MARTYN. WE REPRESENT UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. UNION PACIFIC IS OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED FEE. IT HAS FILED A PROTEST FOR ITS OVER 1700 PROPERTIES. I WANT TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE PROTEST PACKET WHICH WE SUBMITTED, WHICH INCLUDES A LEGAL RESPONSE LETTER TO COUNTY COUNSEL'S JANUARY 7, 2013 OPINION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS _____ AND I AM A RESIDENT AT THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. I FIRST WANT TO JUST OPPOSE THE TITLE OF THE FEE. THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FEE UNFORTUNATELY GIVES THE IMPLICATION THAT THAT'S WHAT THE REAL ISSUE IS AND AS WE'VE HEARD TODAY, THE REAL ISSUE IS STORM WATER HANDLING. AND THAT SAID, THE QUESTION IS: ARE THE EXISTING PROGRAMS FAILING?



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THERE ARE STATE PROGRAMS, LOCAL PROGRAMS. AND AS WE'VE HEARD FROM THE TESTIMONY OF A YOUNG MAN FROM HIGH SCHOOL HERE THOSE PROGRAMS ARE INDEED WORKING. THEY MAY NOT WORK AS FAST AS WE LIKE, BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD ARGUE THAT OUR BEACHES ARE DIRTIER TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO OR 10 YEARS AGO. SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE PROBLEM. MAYBE IT'S THE INITIAL HOW FAST WE'RE GETTING THERE. SO THE QUESTION TO ME IS WHY, THEN, IF THE EXISTING PROGRAMS ARE WORKING, ARE WE PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH AN ENTIRELY NEW FRAMEWORK THAT'S PARALLEL TO WHAT'S ALREADY WORKING? SO I OPPOSE THIS FEE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. GLORIA VILLADOLID. DAVID HALL. JOANNE YVANEK-GARB. MARIO CARRASCO. GEORGE EDWARDZ. LADONNA DICAMILLO. MICHAEL VENSKY. LARRY APPLEBAUM. ALAN BAIR. JOHN WALSH. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. GENTLEMEN.

JOSE MORENO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSE MORENO. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF BELL, THE POSTER CITY OF CORRUPTION IF ANYBODY OR SOMEBODY REMEMBERS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA REMEMBERS. WE HAD A C.A.O. THAT WAS MAKING A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS A YEAR IN SALARY, PLUS ONLY 25 WEEKS OF VACATION EVERY YEAR. SO THIS IS MY POINT. I'M TOTALLY AGAINST THIS TAX. AND I'M ALSO GOING TO REPEAT WHAT, I'M GOING TO BE REDUNDANT. THIS IS NOT



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THE WAY TO LET PROPERTY OWNERS KNOW THAT THIS IS A -- YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT RIGHT. IT'S NOT RIGHT. SO I DO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLE, THE PROPERTY OWNERS, TO PAY THIS BECAUSE IT'S MILLIONS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. IT SHOULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

FRANK HILEMAN: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS FRANK HILEMAN. I'M A GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE L.K.Q. CORPORATION. L.K.Q. IS THE NATION'S LARGEST PROVIDER OF AFTERMARKET AND RECYCLED AUTO PARTS. HERE IN CALIFORNIA WE HAVE 50 FACILITIES, ABOUT 1700 EMPLOYEES. WE PAY ABOUT \$50 MILLION IN TAXES. WE ARE VERY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSED MEASURE. WE HAVE FILED WRITTEN COMMENTS WHICH ARE BASICALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT BIZFED HAS FILED. I DO WANT TO MAKE ONE SPECIFIC POINT, THOUGH. IT'S BEEN MENTIONED ABOUT THOSE OF US THAT ARE ALREADY IN COMPLIANCE. MY COMPANY JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED A \$400,000 BIO-FIELD IN ONE OF OUR SITES IN THIS DISTRICT. AND WE JUST GOT OUR BILL, WHICH WILL BE \$32,000 ON TOP OF THAT COST WHICH IS NOW DEALING WITH THAT WASTE WATER OR STORM WATER SURGE ON THAT PROPERTY. THAT ISSUE HAS GOT TO BE DEALT WITH. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN THE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TOOK PLACE, THERE WAS DISCUSSION



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WITH THE D.P.W. ABOUT THE ORDINANCE BEING PREPARED SO WE ALL KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT THIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE AND WHAT THE DETAILS WILL BE. THAT'S IMPORTANT. THIS CAN'T BE VOTED ON WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THOSE DETAILS ARE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

DAVID EVANS: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID EVANS. I'M WITH THE WESTERN MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION. THAT'S A STATEWIDE TRADE ASSOCIATION OF MOBILE HOME PARK OWNERS. AND THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 540 MOBILE HOME PARKS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEY'RE THE COUNTY'S MOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE'RE ALSO PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION AND ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE AS IT IS WRITTEN. WE HAVE A COUPLE SPECIFIC CONCERNS ABOUT THE CURRENT PROPOSED MEASURE AS THEY RELATE TO OUR INDUSTRY. ONE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FORMULA TO DETERMINE WHAT EACH PROPERTY PAYS IS FLAWED WITH RESPECT TO MOBILE HOME PARKS. AND WE WOULD END UP PAYING A DISPROPORTIONAL SHARE BASED ON DENSITY ISSUES. THE SECOND ONE HAS BEEN MENTIONED. BUT ANY MOBILE HOME PARKS THAT ARE UNDER RENT CONTROL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THESE COSTS ALONG. THE PARK OWNERS WILL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ABSORB IT. I SPOKE WITH A PARK OWNER YESTERDAY WHO HAS TWO PARKS IN THE COUNTY. ONE PARK, THE FEE WILL BE \$20,000. THE OTHER ONE WILL



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BE \$36,000.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

LADONNA DICAMILLO: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LADONNA DICAMILLO AND I REPRESENT B.N.S.F. RAILWAY COMPANY. ON BEHALF OF B.N.S.F. RAILWAY COMPANY, ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND PREDECESSORS AND INTERESTS I REQUEST THAT YOU REJECT THIS PROPOSAL. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF OUR BUSINESS, MANY OF OUR PARCELS HAVE NO ADDRESSES AND WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY LOCATING A LOT OF THESE PARCEL NUMBERS. WE CONTACTED THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE LIST THAT WAS PROVIDED WAS INADEQUATE. A SEARCH OF THE NAME SANTA FE WAS UNPRODUCTIVE, AS THERE ARE TOO MANY BUSINESSES WITH THAT NAME WHO IS ONE OF OUR PRIMARY PREDECESSORS. SO NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ARE FRUSTRATED WITH THE PROCESS. NONETHELESS WE SUBMITTED A PROTEST FOR THE PARCELS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY. B.N.S.F. EMPLOYS EXTENSIVE HOUSEKEEPING AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES TO REDUCE OUR STORM WATER RUNOFF. AND THERE IS NO EXEMPTION FOR THESE OR RECOGNITION OF THESE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE FEE METHODOLOGY DOES NOT OFFER ANY MANAGER -- MANNER FOR WHICH TO -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR



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TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR TESTIMONY.

ROXANNE TRIMPER: THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROXANNE TRIMPER FROM TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA. AND I STAND WITH THOSE WHO WANT CLEAN WATER, BUT I OPPOSE THE DECEPTIVE MAILER DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT A NEW PROPOSITION. L.A. COUNTY ALREADY OVERWHELMINGLY VOTED FOR PROPOSITION O IN 2004, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE PROBLEMS. IF YOU GO ON THE WEBSITE, YOU CAN SEE THAT MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE IN PROPOSITION 4 IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAVE IN THIS CURRENT PROPOSITION. I WANT IT NOTED THAT ALL PROPOSITIONS FOR TAX INCREASES ARE ALWAYS ISSUES THAT ARE DEAR TO OUR HEART, OUR CHILDREN, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE. THERE HAS NEVER, EVER BEEN A TAX PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT SQUANDERING, MISUSE OF FUNDS, OVERSPENDING, OBSCURE SALARIES, PENSIONS OR A PROPOSAL FOR A SLUSH FUND. THEREFORE, BEFORE ANOTHER TAX PROPOSAL IS DONE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A PROPOSAL FOR AN IN-DEPTH AUDIT AND REFORM OF HOW ALL TAX MONEY IS SPENT. PLEASE PROTECT THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE AND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU OPPOSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,



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MA 'AM.

LARRY APPLEBAUM: GOOD EVENING, SEEMS LIKE EVENING FOR ME. GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS AND CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS LARRY APPLEBAUM. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY TO COME TO TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE FORMALLY TAKEN A POSITION TO OPPOSE THIS, WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED ON. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ELUCIDATE A COUPLE OF POINTS. ONE IS: THIS IS, IN MY OPINION, AN UNPRECEDENTED ATTEMPT TO TRY AND PUT PARCEL TAXES OR SOME SORT OF FEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES WHICH HAS NEVER OCCURRED BEFORE IN THIS COUNTY, TO MY KNOWLEDGE. THAT IS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT TO TRY TO BEGIN TO DO. ALSO, I THINK THAT THERE IS A REAL NEED TO PUT LANGUAGE IN TO DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK AT WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE DONE. WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER THREE SITES WITH PERCOLATION PITS, ONE OF 8,600 CUBIC YARDS, ONE OF 9,400 CUBIC YARDS, AND ONE OF 12,000 CUBIC YARDS, TO CARRY OUR STORM WATER RUNOFF, AND WE'RE NOT GIVEN ANY CREDIT AND CONSIDERATION FOR THAT. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU OPPOSE THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. FRANK SCHINDLER, ART MILLER, MILTON GLOFFMAN. LUDD TROZPEK. STEVE HANNA, LINDA MILLER. GARY GLESS. DAN MUELLER. SUSAN MAYHEW. KATIE JAMES. ALFRED AREYAN. RAJ KAHLON. DEBRA MURPHY. ALBERTO TREVINO. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. SIR? ALL AT



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ONCE IS FINE. PROCEED. GO AHEAD.

ALAN BAIR: CAN WE START OVER? HELLO I'M ALAN BAIR. I'M A LANDLORD. I LOVE THAT L.A. COUNTY IS FINALLY ADDRESSING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE ON A COUNTYWIDE LEVEL. BUT YOUR METHOD IS WRONG. YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE SYMPTOMS AND NOT THE CAUSES. YOU'RE TAXING LAND AND NOT THE SOURCES OF POLLUTION. BY THE WAY, THE PROBLEM ISN'T THE STORM WATER BUT PERHAPS CONCRETE CHANNELS, AND IT'S POLLUTION AND LITTER. SO THIS CAUSES DISTORTIONS THE WAY YOU'RE DOING IT. YOU'RE PUTTING UPWARD PRESSURE ON RENT. THAT MEANS THE TENANTS THINK US LANDLORDS ARE MEAN. AND THEN YOU GET PRESSURE ON US FOR RENT CONTROL. THIS IS DISTORTIONS WE DON'T NEED. YOU GET BETTER RESULTS IF YOU USE MARKET-ORIENTED SOLUTIONS AND PUTTING PRICES THAT REFLECT COSTS. SO LET'S HAVE FEES ON THE SOURCES YOU LIST LIKE PLASTICS, FERTILIZERS, CIGARETTE BUTTS AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS. PASADENA PUTS 10-CENT FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS, FOR EXAMPLE. THIS STOPS THE LAND OWNER SUBSIDY OF POLLUTERS' PROFITS. WE GET SIDE BENEFITS BECAUSE IF FERTILIZERS COST MORE, PEOPLE MIGHT CONVERT TO NATIVE LANDSCAPING, THEY MIGHT USE THEREFORE LESS WATER AND THAT'S AN EXTRA BENEFIT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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ALAN BAIR: OKAY. SO LET'S RESTRUCTURE THIS TO USE MARKET INCENTIVES AND WORK TOGETHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AS IT SAYS UP HERE. FREE ENTERPRISE. CHERISH, HELP, PRESERVE. LET'S WORK TOGETHER.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, SIR. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

MICHAEL VENSKY: GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MIKE VENSKY. I LIVE IN ACTON. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. I ALSO HAVE SOME PROPERTY DOWN IN BURBANK. I SWIM. I DIVE. I HIKE. I BIRD. I BOAT AND KAYAK ALONG THE WATERWAYS, AND I APPLAUD YOU ALL FOR DOING THIS AND I APPRECIATE THE URGENCY YOU HAVE PRESSED ON YOU BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE AGENCIES TO COMPLETE SOMETHING FOR CLEAN WATER. HOWEVER, I'M OPPOSE TO THIS PARTICULAR INITIATIVE UNDER THREE ISSUES. ONE IS CONSISTENCY, ONE IS FAIRNESS AND ONE IS OF COURSE THE LACK OF DETAILS. REGARDING FAIRNESS, I HAVE SOME PROPERTY IN BURBANK. THREE APARTMENTS. HIGHLY DEVELOPED LAND. YOU'RE CHARGING ME \$80. IN ACTON WHERE I LIVE I HAVE 2-1/2 ACRES, IT'S UNDEVELOPED AT THE END OF A DIRT ROAD. TAP INTO A WATER SEPTIC SYSTEM. WE LITERALLY DRINK WHAT WE PUT ON THE LAND. AND WE'RE BEING CHARGED \$1200. IN ADDITION, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS ON THIS THING. I THINK YOU GUYS COULD POSSIBLY, OR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PARDON ME, COULD POSSIBLY FLESH OUT THE DETAILS AND



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GIVE US MORE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT YOU SPECIFICALLY WANT TO DO WITH THIS. AND LASTLY THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF ISSUE ABOUT CONSISTENCY. YOUR INSPECTORS ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SPREAD MANURE IN WATERWAYS, AND THAT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR.

MICHAEL VENSKY: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: INDEED. SIR?

GEORGE EDWARDS: GREETINGS FROM THE GREAT CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. MY NAME IS GEORGE EDWARDS. WE RECENTLY DEFEATED A ROAD TAX ASSESSMENT. WE ARE GOING AFTER OTHER ASSESSMENTS. THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE TURNED DOWN THEIR UTILITY TAX. ROWLAND HILLS DID, AS WELL. THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS DO NOT NEED ANY MORE TAXES. WE ALREADY PAY. IN MY COMMUNITY WE PAY OUR PROPERTY TAX AND RECEIVE LESS THAN 10 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. WE HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR OWN FIRE SERVICE. WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT. UNFORTUNATELY THE ONLY THING GREEN ABOUT THIS PROPOSED TAX IS HOW MUCH YOU WANT FROM OUR WALLET. HOW MUCH MONEY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE FACT THAT WE ALREADY PAID PROPERTY TAX. USE THAT MONEY. BALANCE YOUR



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BUDGET. GIVE THE PROPERTY OWNERS A BREAK. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

JOHN WALSH: JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS, UNION MEMBERS, AND RENTERS AGAINST THE WATER TAX. AND I BELONG TO ALL THREE GROUPS. LOOK, GLOBAL WARMING. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FACING. I BELIEVE IN IT. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? MORE AND MORE DROUGHTS. WHAT DOES MORE AND MORE DROUGHTS MEAN? LESS AND LESS STORMS. WHAT DOES LESS AND LESS STORMS MEAN? LESS STORM WATER. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN CREATING A GIGANTIC BUREAUCRACY. DON KNABE AND HIS SON, WHO IS A LOBBYIST, ALL OF A SUDDEN HE HAS TURNED GREEN. AND IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR BROCHURE IN THE MAIL, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IF YOU WANT ANOTHER ONE, FIND ONE AND FOLD IT IN FOUR WAYS AND THEN STICK IT WHERE IT BELONGS. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. COME TO OUR WEBSITE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

JOANNE YVANEK-GARB: I'M JOANNE YVANEK-GARB, AND I LIVE IN WEST HILLS. WEST HILLS IS THE HOME TO BELL CREEK, WHICH IS REALLY THE HEAD WATER OF THE L.A. RIVER. I AM APPALLED BUT NOT REALLY



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SURPRISED THAT THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE SAID THAT THEY FOUND BLEACH BOTTLES, AMMONIA BOTTLES. AND I KNOW THAT THERE WERE DIRTY DIAPERS IN THE CATCH BASINS AND WHAT NOT. THIS IS A TRAVESTY. THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN DO THE MOST GOOD IN PROVIDING EDUCATION. EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION. IT IS THE IMPORTANT THING OF TEACHING PEOPLE WHAT TO THROW AWAY, WHAT NOT TO THROW AWAY. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU GUYS REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THE ANTI-LITTERING CAMPAIGN IN THE '50S, TOSS IT IN. THAT WAS VERY BIG. WE CLEANED UP OUR HIGHWAYS. WE CLEANED UP OUR STREETS BY PEOPLE LEARNING THAT THEY SHOULDN'T JUST TOSS THINGS OUT OF THEIR CAR WINDOWS. ON MY LITTLE STREET.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM?

JOANNE YVANEK-GARB: PEOPLE DON'T TOSS AND BLOW.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

JOANNE YVANEK-GARB: OKAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

JOANNE YVANEK-GARB: THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: INDEED. SIR?

ART MILLER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ART MILLER. I'M A RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY. FIRST OF ALL, I OPPOSE THIS FEE THAT'S TRYING TO GET THROUGH HERE, AS DO SOME OF MY NEIGHBORS. I DO WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENT THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF INFORMATION. IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF INFORMATION, IT WAS SO OVERWHELMING THE INFORMATION THAT TOOK SO LONG TO COMPILE IN THAT BOOKLET. AND WE GOT THAT BOOKLET AVAILABLE TO US VIA THE INTERNET AT A VERY LATE DATE. SO WHAT TOOK SEVERAL MONTHS TO ORCHESTRATE HAS BEEN ASKED MUCH US AS TAXPAYERS TO ABSORB AND MAKE A DECISION ON IT. THE OTHER THING IS, I LIKE CLEAN BEACHES. AND I'M OUT FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN. BUT WHEN I SAW MY TAX BILL, I WAS A LITTLE BIT APPALLED UNTIL I SAW MY NEIGHBOR'S TAX BILL. HE PAYS \$24,000 A YEAR IN TAXES. OF THAT, 35 PERCENT GOES TO FLOOD CONTROL ALREADY. HIS BILL ON THIS FEE WAS GOING TO BE \$28,000. THAT'S APPALLING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

GARY GLESS: HELLO, MARK. CHAIR, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW POSITION. I'M GARY GLESS, PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS COALITION



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FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY. THIS ACTUALLY HITS HOME IN YOUR DISTRICT HERE, THE SECOND DISTRICT, BECAUSE WE HAVE P.X.P. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO -- THEY HAVE LEAKS, SPILLS, CONTAMINATED, ACTUALLY THEY HAVE -- RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE ON NOTICE OF VIOLATION, NOTICE FROM CONTAMINATING SOIL AND SPREADING IT AROUND THE FIELD. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M REALLY SURPRISED OF, I MEAN, FAIR IS FAIR ON WHO GETS TO PAY. BUT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE FROM THE WATER BOARD, THEY WANT APPROVAL TO DUMP 7-1/2 -- OVER 7-1/2 MILLION GALLONS OF CONTAMINATED RAIN WATER INTO BALLONA CREEK AND ESTUARY. I THINK FOR THEM TO BE ALLOWED TO DO THIS, I THINK THEY SHOULD BE FINED FOR DOING THIS, NOT SAYING IT'S OKAY. FOR MYSELF, I RECLAIM MY RAIN WATER. I WATER MY YARD FOR IT. I'M GOING TO BE CHARGED NEARLY \$200 FOR THIS FOR WHERE I LIVE AND YET THEY'RE GOING GET A GREEN LIGHT. PLUS THEY GET A CUT RATE ON THEIR WATER SO THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND MILLIONS OF GALLONS IN CONTAMINATED WATER IN THEIR FRACKING PROCESS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

ALBERTO TREVINO: ALL RIGHT. YES, GOOD DAY, ALBERTO TREVINO. I'M BORN AND RAISED HERE IN LOS ANGELES. PROPERTY OWNER. BUSINESS OWNER. AND I JUST WANTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION,



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TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN HERE THAT THIS ISSUE IS A PROBLEM THAT'S RELATED TO CONSUMPTION. AND BY TAXING PROPERTY, WHICH IS A FIXED MATTER, IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FOR A GROWING POPULATION. SO IF IT'S A CONSUMPTION PROBLEM, THEN WE NEED TO TAX IT, A SALES TAX, SOME CONSUMPTION THAT CAN KEEP PACE WITH THE GROWTH OF POPULATION. AND THAT'S ONLY IF WE ASSUME THAT RAIN WATER IS A POLLUTANT. IN A RECENT CASE IN VIRGINIA, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VERSUS THE E.P.A., THE COURT RULED THAT THE RUNOFF WAS NOT A POLLUTANT. SO THAT'S A NULL POINT THERE. BUT I AGREE. WE WANT CLEAN WATER.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. SIR?

GEORGE SACK, JR.: HI, MY NAME IS GEORGE SACK, JR. I RESIDE IN AGUA DULCE, CALIFORNIA. I HAVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY THERE, I'VE BEEN THERE SINCE 1974. AND I HAVE BEEN ASSESSED WITH APPROXIMATELY 25 TO \$30,000 IN REGARDS TO MY ASSESSMENT, WHICH MAKES IT AN UNEVEN PLAYING FIELD FOR MY BUSINESS BECAUSE WHERE DO I COME UP WITH THE EXTRA MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT? I HAVE TO TURN IT ON TO THE CUSTOMERS AND CONSEQUENTLY I WON'T BE COMPETITIVE ANYMORE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I'M OPPOSED TO IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.



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ALL RIGHTY. MA'AM?

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR PERMITTING ME TO SPEAK. SOME OF THE -- MANY OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE ALREADY STOLEN MY THUNDER, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M A RETIRED PERSON, FIXED INCOME. I'M PROBABLY THE QUEEN OF PENNY PINCHING. AND THIS IS GOING TO MESS ME UP BIG TIME. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

LUDD TROZPEK: MY NAME IS LUDD TROZPEK. I LIVE IN CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA. I ORIGINALLY HAD COME DOWN HERE INTENDING TO SPEAK AGAINST THIS MEASURE. I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT PEOPLE COULD RECOGNIZE UNFAIRNESS WHEN THEY SEE IT IN THE PROCESS AND IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, WHICH I'VE READ THOROUGHLY. HOWEVER AFTER HEARING ALL THE TESTIMONY, I THINK RATHER THAN THAT, I WOULD URGE THE BOARD TO GO FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THIS MEASURE. I BELIEVE THAT IF THAT HAPPENS, UNDER PROP 218, WHICH I'M A FAN OF, THERE WILL BE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RISING UP TALKING TO THEIR NEIGHBORS, WORKING HARD AGAINST THIS. WE'LL DRIVE A STAKE THROUGH THE HEART OF THIS MEASURE AND WE WILL DEFEAT IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE



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FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. LINDA WOOD. TIM NUCCIO. ROBERTO CAMACHO. GERARDO TORRES. LYNDIA KELLY. DAVID MCINTOSH. DENNIS DAZE. IF I'M CALLING YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD. CONTINUE WITH NATALIE SQUIRES. KENNETH BEARD. RICHARD DIRADOURIAN. MARVIN JONES. ARAM KAZAZIAN. THEY ARE BEFORE US. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOUR NAME WAS CALLED.

ROBERTO CAMACHO: ROBERTO CAMACHO IS MY NAME. MR. CHAIRMAN, AND EVERYBODY ELSE, MISS MOLINA, HOW ARE YOU, 20 YEARS AGO? (SPANISH) I COULD SPEAK BOTH LANGUAGES. I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND --

SUP. MOLINA: (SPANISH).

ROBERTO CAMACHO: (SPANISH).

SUP. MOLINA: HE JUST WANTS TO SPEAK TO ME. IT'S A SECRET.

ROBERTO CAMACHO: OKAY, YOU BETTER GIVE ME MY TIME BACK.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: I DON'T THINK SO. PROCEED, SIR. [LAUGHTER.] RAPIDO, POR FAVOR.

ROBERTO CAMACHO: (SPANISH) I THINK MOST OVER HERE, OVER 90



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PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ARE AGAINST IT. SO TAKE A COUPLE OF YEARS, TAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION AND BRING IT BACK FOR GENERAL ELECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, MR. CAMACHO. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LINDA WOOD: THANK YOU. I'M LINDA WOOD HERE REPRESENTING UNION RESCUE MISSION WITH LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS THE UNINCORPORATED FOOTHILLS OF SYLMAR, WHERE OUR HOPE GARDENS FAMILY CENTER IS LOCATED. THE HOPE GARDENS PROPERTY IS 71 ACRES. IT'S JUST OVER 3 MILLION SQUARE FEET, OF WHICH ONLY 88,000 SQUARE FEET HAS IMPROVEMENTS. THIS IS LESS THAN 3 PERCENT DEVELOPED, RESULTING IN VERY LITTLE RUNOFF AS THE MAJORITY OF THE RAIN WATER IS ABSORBED INTO THE VACANT GROUND. TWO OF OUR PARCELS AT HOPE GARDENS ARE CALCULATED TO INCUR OVER \$36,000 IN CLEAN WATER FEES. AND BETWEEN THESE TWO PARCELS, ONE IMPERVIOUS PERCENTAGE IS 58 PERCENT WHILE THE OTHER IS 70 PERCENT. AND YET THE ENTIRE PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED WITH ONE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE METHODOLOGY THAT DETERMINES THE FEE IS FLAWED. WE PAY PROPERTY TAX JUST UNDER \$43,000 A YEAR. THIS CLEAN WATER FEE OF 36,000 IS ALMOST 84 PERCENT OF OUR PROPERTY TAXES. WE PREFER TO HAVE OUR DONATIONS, YOUR DONATIONS GO TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE PROTEST THIS FEE. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. DAN GOTTLIEB. REIN KUHR. TIM RILEY. PETER IRELAND. FRANCINE RIPPY. ROXANNE TRIMPER. DOROTHY GLOVER. DAVID MARKS. RICHARD MARSHALL. RICHARD BELL. ROBIN MITCHELL. ERIC RIEL. ROY GOSEN. GEORGE EDWARDZ. JAMES FLYNN. IN THAT ORDER YOU MAY PROCEED. FIRST PERSON UP, SIR?

DENNIS DAZE: CHAIRMAN THOMAS. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DENNIS DAZE. I'M WITH MAJESTIC REALTY COMPANY. I SPEAK FOR MAJESTIC REALTY COMPANY AND I SPEAK ALSO AS A FIFTH GENERATION LOS ANGELIAN. FIRST, WE ARE IN OPPOSITION OF THE UNFAIR FEE THAT'S ABOUT TO BE PROPOSED UPON US AND EVERY OTHER CITIZEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR BOTTOM LINE IS THAT IT IS NOT ABOUT CLEAN WATER. IT IS NOT ABOUT OUR CLEAN BEACHES. IT IS ABOUT A FAIR TAX. IT IS ABOUT PROPER REPRESENTATION FOR A TAX THAT'S ABOUT TO BE IMPOSED. EVERYTHING THAT IS ABOUT TO BE SAID, IT HAS BEEN SAID. AND SO I'LL KEEP IT SHORT. I'LL SAY FIRST WE ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH BIZFED. UNFORTUNATELY I WISH MRS. MOLINA WAS HERE TO HEAR THIS BECAUSE THE JOB LOSS IN OUR PORTFOLIO, BEING THE LARGEST LAND OWNER IN CALIFORNIA, PRIVATELY HELD LAND OWNER IN CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN DRAMATIC. I WILL READ A FEW NAMES OFF. IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, WE'VE LOST LITTLE TYKES, DELTA PAINT, STEEL CASE, CONTINENTAL CAN, CROWN CORK AND SEAL, TREASURE CHEST ADVERTISING, NATIONAL ENVELOPE, CONTIKO, KATY



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INDUSTRIES, JACUZZI. CALGON, LAZY BOY, _____ AND A
NUMBER OF OTHERS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS PLEASE RETHINK THIS.
WE'RE NOT AGAINST THE CLEAN WATER. REDO THIS. RE-PRESENT IT.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

NATALIE SQUIRES: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NATALIE SQUIRES
FROM WILLIAMS RECYCLING IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS A STORM WATER
PERMIT HOLDER, WE ALREADY PAY PERMIT FEES AND HAVE SPENT OVER
\$250,000 ON A WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM TO MEET THE STORM WATER
BENCHMARKS. IN THIS ECONOMY, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO INCUR ANY
OTHER TAXES AND FEES. THERE WAS A REPORT THIS MORNING ON FOX
NEWS STATING THAT 1 MILLION PEOPLE LEFT THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA LAST YEAR AND MOVED TO TEXAS. THE REPORT SAID THAT
MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE THE JOB CREATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS.
LIKE MANY OTHER BUSINESSES, WE WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE
STATE IF THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO PILEUP THESE TAXES ON
RESPONSIBLE AND LAND BUSINESS OWNERS. WHEN MY FAMILY STARTED
THIS BUSINESS OVER 40 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A BUSINESS LICENSE
FEE AND A PROPERTY TAX. I COULD GIVE YOU A LIST OF ABOUT 20 TO
30 FEES THAT WE PAY NOW. A LOT OF OWNERS IN THE COUNTY DIDN'T
KNOW OF THIS PROPOSED TAX. THERE IS ONE MAN IN PARTICULAR THAT
OWNS 17 PARCELS AND ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT SURVIVE WITH THIS TAX.



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LANDOWNERS WHO ALREADY HAVE THE STORM PERMIT AND PAY THE ANNUAL FEE SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THIS PROPOSED TAX.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE ABOUT FOUR HOURS IN AT THIS POINT. ALL THOSE WHO ARE READY FOR MORE, PLEASE STAND TO YOUR FEET AND GIVE INDICATION OF THAT IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE.
(YELLING).

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER. THOSE WHO HAVE THE STAMINA TO PROCEED FOR THE NEXT PERIOD OF TIME, PLEASE STAND TO YOUR FEET. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE BE SEATED. THANK YOU NOW. LET'S GO FOR THE NEXT SPEAKER.

RICHARD DIRADOURIAN: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RICHARD DIRADOURIAN, AND I HAPPEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GLENDALE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB. AND I'M MENTIONING THAT BECAUSE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WE ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS WHO MAY ACCIDENTALLY LEAVE THEIR KIDS IN THE CAR. WE CALLED THAT PROGRAM NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE. IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED IN A CAR, WHETHER IT'S COLD OR HOT UNATTENDED. IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. AFTER READING THIS PROPOSAL, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD TAKE ME A MINUTE TO REJECT IT. THANK YOU.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT?

ARAM KAZAZIAN: MY NAME IS ARAM KAZAZIAN, AND I'M FROM GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA. I'M ALSO A PAST MEMBER OF SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB WITH RICHARD DIRADOURIAN. I THINK I WOULD LIKE FIRST THING TO THANK DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO DO A GOOD RESOLUTION FOR THIS. I THANK THEM VERY MUCH FOR IT. I THINK PUBLIC WORKS AND FLOOD CONTROL HAS FAILED IN THEIR WORKMANSHIP TO DO THE PROPER JOB, WHICH IS A SHAME. THEY SPENT ALL THE MONEY, WASTED IT. AND THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN CARE OF THEIR JOB THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. AS YOU KNOW, ALSO GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOTED AGAINST, I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR THEM, VOTED AGAINST AND OPPOSED THE TAX ISSUE OVER HERE. MAYBE YOU SHOULD, YOU KNOW, DO IF YOU'RE ALIVE, YOU SHOULD PAY A TAX. MAYBE WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT, MAYBE IF YOU HAD THE POWERS TO DO SO. EVERYBODY PAYS THEIR OWN TAX THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAX THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR TIME SUPERVISOR. NEXT?

DAN GOTTLIEB: I'M DAN GOTTLIEB. PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS. I SUPPORT CLEANING POLLUTION IN THE BAY, BUT I OPPOSE POLLUTING THE LEGAL SYSTEM WITH BULLSHIT. PARDON ME FOR THE CRUDENESS. [LAUGHTER.] BUT BULLSHIT IS THE NAME OF THIS BOOK. IT'S A VERY



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GOOD BOOK TO READ ON BULLSHIT, THE PROFESSOR WHO WROTE IT SAID THE BULLSHITTER IS A GREATER ENEMY OF THE TRUTH THAN IS THE LIAR. THE LIAR HAS HIS EYE ON THE TRUTH FOR HE WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE AN ALTERNATIVE VISION OF THE TRUTH. THE BULLSHITTER HAS NO REGARD FOR THE TRUTH FOR HE WANTS TO HIDE HIS INTENTIONS. NOW, HINTS OF BULLSHIT IN THE WATER PROJECT ARE: CONTRACTS STIPULATE THIS THIS PLACE, COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE HIRED FOR A PROJECT IF THEY ARE QUALIFIED. WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE QUALIFIED? ANOTHER ONE IS MULTI-USE PROJECTS CAN BE BUNDLED WITH WATER PROJECTS. SO, MANY PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE THEIR EYE ALREADY ON MAKING MONEY.

SUP. KNABE: YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT?

REIN KUHR: MY NAME IS REIN KUHR. I'M A MAJOR PROPERTY OWNER. AND I OPPOSE THIS PROJECT. MY SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS WHY DON'T YOU LET THE PRISONERS FROM OUR JAILS COME AND CLEAN UP ALL THE WATERWAYS AND THE BEACHES AND THIS AND THAT. THEY COULD START AT DAYBREAK IN THE MORNING BEFORE IT IS TOO HOT AND HAVE THE JOB DONE BEFORE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE SHOW UP. IT WOULDN'T COST ANYTHING. ONE MORE THING, THE SUPERVISORS, THE PEOPLE WHO SUPERVISE THEM SHOULD NOT BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH UNIONS AND CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTION. NOBODY CAN GET FIRED NOW NO MATTER HOW INCOMPETENT THEY ARE. AND IF YOU DO THAT, I MIGHT RECONSIDER IT. THANK YOU.



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SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU. NEXT.

TIM RILEY: MR. CHAIRMAN, AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, TIM RILEY, REPRESENTING THE MARINA DEL REY LESSEES ASSOCIATION. WE'RE BELIEVE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ARE BEING ASKED TO SUPPORT A FEE BEFORE THE BOARD HAS EVEN CONSIDERED THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH THE SPECIFIC POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE FEE. DETAILS ABOUT THE SPECIFIC SERVICES TO BE FUNDED ARE UNKNOWN. THE FEE IS PROPOSED TO BE IMPOSED ON PROPERTY OWNERS WITHOUT REGARD TO EXPENSIVE WATER QUALITY MITIGATIONS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN ON SITE. THE PROGRAM OFFERS NO CREDITS OR REBATES TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PAY FOR ONSITE CAPTURE AND TREATMENT OF STORM WATER RUNOFF. PARCELS IN THE UNINCORPORATED MARINA DEL REY ARE UNIQUE AND DESERVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. LESSEES IN THE MARINA HAVE PAID MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. ON TOP OF POSSESSORY INTEREST, WE HAVE BEEN BURDENED WITH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS TO PAY FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY. MANY LESSEES HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUIRED, AT THEIR OWN CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE, TO PROVIDE ONSITE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF REDEVELOPMENT OR RENOVATION. THANK YOU.



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SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU. NEXT?

PETER IRELAND: MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PETER IRELAND, REPRESENTING THE NATURE TRUST OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE FEE CALCULATION METHOD, WHAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY IS EXTREMELY FLAWED AND HERE'S EXACTLY WHY. WE OPERATE A 100-ACRE NONPROFIT NATURE PRESERVE AND MUSEUM DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM NICHOLAS CANYON COUNTY BEACH. WE ARE THE ONLY PRIVATE LAND OWNER WHO 11 YEARS AGO AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE VOLUNTARILY PREPARED A WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN. THE END RESULT IS: NICHOLAS CANYON BEACH CONSISTENTLY HAS AMONG THE BEST WATER QUALITY OF ANY BEACH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE CURRENTLY PAY \$3,500 A YEAR TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. THIS PROPOSAL WILL ADD \$46,000 A YEAR ON TOP OF WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY PAYING. AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, THAT MEANS ONE THING: WE GO OUT OF BUSINESS AND WE SELL THE LAND THAT WE WERE CREATED TO PROTECT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND MAY I CALL THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, JAMES SIMONELLI. JOHN GERFEN. JIM RICHART. CHUCK TAYLOR. CHRIS SANCHEZ. WILLIE JACKSON. FOREST BAZOV. JEFFREY BEAUMONT. ERIC YONEMURA. ANDREW BALES. LAUREN LEWOW. MICHELLE ZACK. DAVID CLARK, IN THAT ORDER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. SIR?



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THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

ERIC RIEL: GOOD DAY, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND CHAIR. AND I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO COME UP WITH THE BETTER LINE OF THE DAY. MY NAME'S ERIC RIEL. I'M A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER, VETERAN AND PROPERTY OWNER IN AGUA DULCE. I'VE GONE THROUGH SO MANY ITERATIONS OF MY TESTIMONY TODAY, AFTER LISTENING I THINK I JUST ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF EVERYONE OUT IN THE RURAL AREAS THAT THIS DOCUMENT AND THIS PROGRAM, THIS MEASURE NEEDS A COMPREHENSIVE REBUILD AND RECONSIDERATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK YOU NEED TO DO IS EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BE ENABLED TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE ASKING. AN EXAMPLE IS IN THE AREA WHERE I LIVE, WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR PROPERTY, WE WERE ALLOWED TO TRUCK IN WATER. NOW WE'RE REQUIRED TO DRILL A WELL, WHICH TAPS THE AQUIFERS, WHICH THEN CREATES A GREATER PROBLEM FOR THE GOOD. SO YOU SHOULD REINSTATE THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR?

DAVID MARKS: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS DAVID MARKS. I OPPOSE THIS FEE. I LIVE AND OWN A HOME ON SOUTH MARVIN AVENUE, WHICH IS OFF VENICE BOULEVARD BETWEEN FAIRFAX AND HOUSER. THAT'S C.D.10. OUR STREET DEAD ENDS INTO BALLONA CREEK. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS OF MIXED ETHNICITY AND CULTURES. THIS NOTICE WAS SENT OUT IN ENGLISH ONLY. IN A CITY WITH A



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HIGH POPULATION OF SPANISH SPEAKING AND READING PEOPLE, THIS GROUP OF HOMEOWNERS WAS IGNORED BY NOT RECEIVING A TRANSLATED NOTICE. OUR STREETS DO NOT GET REGULAR STREET SWEEPING EVEN THOUGH WE PAY FOR IT IN OUR TAXES. WE HAVE GONE THREE TO FOUR MONTHS WITHOUT SWEEPING. IF A CITY CANNOT SWEEP OUR STREETS, HOW WILL ANOTHER TAX SOLVE THE TRASH PROBLEM FLOWING INTO THE RIVERS AND CREEKS? THIS FLIER SAYS THE MONEY WILL HELP AID WETLANDS. NOBODY COULD HOLD BACK THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE BALLONA WETLANDS. WE HAVE CAMPERS LIVING ON VENICE BOULEVARD LEAKING OIL AND LEAVING TRASH. ADDRESS THE REAL AND IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS FIRST. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JAMES SIMONELLI: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON DISTINGUISHED CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES SIMONELLI, I REPRESENT A STATEWIDE COALITION CALLED THE CALIFORNIA METALS COALITION. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN PUT OUT THERE. AND AT THIS POINT WE DO OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL. OUR INDUSTRY HAS SPENT THE LAST 20 YEARS UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL PERMIT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OVERSEEN BY THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT. WE'VE INVESTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, MANY MAN HOURS OF TIME IN STORM WATER. SO AS WE REVIEW THIS, WE OBVIOUSLY THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF CONCESSION FOR THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY



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PAYING FEES, DOING THE PROPER ACTIVITIES WITHIN STORM WATER. AND THEN ALSO, FINALLY, THE WAY THAT THE PARCEL TAX IS CALCULATED BASED ON LAND MASS DOES NOT EQUATE TO POLLUTION. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT ONCE AGAIN. SO WE DO OPPOSE TODAY, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS, IT'S BEEN QUITE A FEW YEARS THAT I ADDRESSED YOU REPRESENTING A DEPARTMENT HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. I'M A RETIREE. I SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT WE ARE LIVING IN SEVERE HOUSING MORTGAGE RECESSIONARY TIMES, THAT INCREASING MORTGAGE TAXES WILL CAUSE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS ON SENIORS, LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME SENIORS. THE CLEAN WATER TAX INCREASE IN MY EXISTING FLOOD CONTROL DIRECT ASSESSMENT WILL RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE UNIT TAX. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE ARE 12 ASSESSMENT TAXES ALREADY IN PLACE, MANY OF WHICH ARE NEEDED SUCH AS FIRE, EMERGENCY, MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND SO FORTH. BUT THIS PARTICULAR TAX WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT ON BUSINESSES, CITIES, NURSING HOMES, RENTERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I SUBMIT THAT MOST OF THE TESTIMONIES THAT YOU'VE HEARD ARE OPPOSED TO THE CLEAN WATER, AND PERHAPS ALIGN YOURSELF WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR DON KNABE.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE IT. WE ARE NOW GOING TO CALL HOWARD PORE. INEZ MOGUL. KURT DE MEIRE. LINDA HARING. WARREN ROHN. RHONDA DAGHER. BARBARA GJERSET. WENDY FREEMAN. JIM D'ANGELO. LINDA ROMNEY. DOCTOR GENEVA POTTER. JOEL MOGUL. BETTYE BRYANT. TOM WEADON. MARIA MONTALBO. BLANCA FUNES. PATRICIA DEVIN. SHANNON MCGINNIS. AND FINALLY ARNOLD SACHS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MA'AM, YOU ARE NEXT. PLEASE PROCEED.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE IN SOLIDARITY WITH BIZFED. WE ASK THAT YOU NOT MAKE A DECISION UNTIL THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. A NUMBER OF THESE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY VARIOUS SPEAKERS. BUT WE HAVE CONCERN ABOUT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH RENT STABILIZED UNITS, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ALREADY CAPTURE STORM RUNOFF. ANOTHER ONE OF OUR CONCERNS IS THE STABILIZATION, THE RENT STABILIZATION UNITS CAN'T PASS THOSE COSTS ON TO TENANTS. AND WITH INCREASING WATER COSTS AND OTHERS, LANDLORDS ARE UNABLE TO RECOVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTAINING THEIR UNITS. OUR FINAL CONCERN IS THE COSTS ABOVE ACTUALLY EXCEED THE YEARLY ALLOWABLE RENT INCREASE OF 3 PERCENT, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN UNITS AS WELL AS NEW BUILDINGS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN FOR ANY EXEMPTION



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OR CREDIT REBATE MECHANISM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TESTIMONY. SIR?

HOWARD PORE: MY NAME IS HOWARD PORE. YOU KNOW, I FIRST CAME HERE TO SPEAK FOR MYSELF AND MY OWN THINGS HERE. I'M 71 YEARS OLD. I'VE BEEN CLOSE TO TEARS LISTENING TO SOME OF THESE STORIES. HOW ARE THESE PEOPLE GOING TO PAY THESE TAXES? HAVEN'T YOU THOUGHT OF SPREADING THIS LOAD OUT OVER ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY? YOUR FLAWED MAILING, WHETHER BY DESIGN OR DEFAULT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED WAS WRONG. ANY TIME THAT YOU SEND OUT A MAILING, IT SHOULD BE LIKE THIS IF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH TAXES. IT SHOULD HAVE THE COUNTY SEAL ON IT AND IT SHOULD HAVE IN BIG RED LETTERS THAT THIS MAY RAISE YOUR TAXES. THIS WOULD HAVE GOTTEN PEOPLE'S ATTENTION. IF I DON'T SEE THAT ON THE NEXT MAILING, I'LL BE AT THE LEGISLATURE IN CALIFORNIA. I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN POSSIBLY LISTEN TO THESE STORIES AND THESE PEOPLE WHOSE TAXES ARE ALREADY 43,000 AND HERE YOU'RE GOING TO ADD 36,000 ON IT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. HOW CAN YOU DO IT? HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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HOWARD PORE: I'VE LOST ALL MY FAITH IN GOVERNMENT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AGAIN, PLEASE?

RHONDA DAGHER: MY NAME RHONDA DAGHER. I LIVE IN PASADENA. I OWN TWO PROPERTIES. MY PROBLEM IS THE DEVICE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PUT IT UNDER THE SEWER, IT'S COLLECTING ALL THE DIRT. IN 2010 I START TO SMELL VERY BAD SMELL. I CALLED PASADENA TO COME AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY TOLD ME MAYBE IT'S SKUNK, MAYBE IT'S SEWER, MAYBE IT'S RACCOON DEAD UNDER YOUR HOUSE. SO I KEPT CALLING STEVE MADISON'S OFFICE. THEY CAME TO CHECK WHAT'S GOING ON AND THEY TOLD ME THEY PUT A DEVICE UNDER MY DRAIN, STORM DRAIN TO COLLECT ALL THIS STUFF THAT IS GOING TO GO AS A TRIAL SO THEY SEE WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE IN THE FUTURE. WELL, THE SMELL IS REALLY, REALLY BAD. AND IN THE WINTER, WHEN IT COMES THE WINTER, THE RAIN GOES UP, FLOODS AND GOES INTO MY HOUSE. AND I AM THE MAIN, I LIVE ON THE TOP OF THE MAIN STORM DRAIN. SO IF I DON'T CALL AND TO CLEAN, THIS STORM DRAIN FROM THE STUFF THAT IT STAYED INSIDE THE SMELL GOES VERY BAD FOR DAYS AND DAYS. AND THE CITY SENT PEOPLE TO CLEAN BUT WHAT THEY DO, THEY CLEAN OUTSIDE AND THEY PUT POWDER. THIS IS NOT TAKING CARE OF IT. SO I CALLED MR. MADISON'S OFFICE. THEY SEND ME A BIG TRUCK. THEY OPEN THE AREA AND THEY SUCK ALL THE DIRT. AND



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THEN WHEN THEY SUCK IT, THE ODOR GOES. BUT I CANNOT LIVE. WE CANNOT LIVE LIKE THIS CALLING MR. MADISON OFFICE EVERY WEEK TO CLEAN IT. AND THIS IS A TRIAL. AND NOBODY TOLD US ABOUT IT. AND I'VE BEEN THERE SINCE 2010. I LIVED IN THIS AREA SINCE 1985, NO SMELL UNTIL THIS FILTER GOES UNDER THIS STORM. I MEAN, BESIDE I'M GOING TO PAY TWO PROPERTIES EXTRA YOU KNOW LIKE FEES. I'M GOING LIVE WITH THIS SMELL FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IS THIS THE CITY DOING IT OR THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS?

RHONDA DAGHER: I DON'T KNOW. WHEN I ASK THEM, I SAID WHO PUT THIS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WHERE DO YOU RESIDE, MA'AM?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: PASADENA. HE'LL CHECK OVER HERE WHEN YOU LEAVE, MY DEPUTY. IF IT'S A CITY OR COUNTY ISSUE, AND IF IT'S COUNTY, WE CAN ASSIST YOU. HE IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU RIGHT NOW.

RHONDA DAGHER: WHEN I ASKED THEM --



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: HE'LL FOLLOW-UP WITH YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: CONSULT WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED, SIR.

JIM D'ANGELO: JIM D'ANGELO FROM TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA. WE'RE JUST RESIDENTIAL AND A COUPLE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS. WE'RE NOT IN FAVOR. WE OPPOSE THIS TAX COMPLETELY. BUT I DO HAVE TO SAY, IT'S OVER THE TOP WHEN IT COMES TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. IT IS NOT RIGHT TO MAKE A SMALL MINORITY OF THE POPULATION, WHICH IS THE PROPERTY OWNERS, SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT ALL THE GENERAL PUBLIC GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES AND MILLIONS OF VISITORS ARE ACTUALLY CAUSING, NOR FOR WHAT IS DIRECTLY PLACED ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS. THE CAUSE COMES FROM THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY PURCHASE THE CONTAMINANT. IF YOU MUST GO FORWARD WITH THIS, A FAIR WAY TO ASSESS THE COST IS TO HAVE THE PUBLIC, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS PAY A TAX ON THE CONTAMINANT WHEN THEY PURCHASE IT. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE PRODUCTS APPLY. FOR THE MONEY YOU WANT TO RAISE PER YEAR, IT WILL BE A MINUTE COST TO EACH OF US WHEN SPREAD AMONGST THE MASSES. TO HAVE AN ELECTION MAKING IT FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS



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THAT ARE GOING PAY FOR IT AND NOT FOR SOMEONE THAT IT WILL NOT, WHO CAN LAY IT ON THE OTHER GUY, NOW THERE'S A STOCKPILE OF VOTER INDEBTEDNESS AND DIRECT ASSESSMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE UP TO 40 PERCENT ON A TAX BILL AND WHICH I HEAR A ROAD TAX IS COMING. MY POINT IS --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR? YOUR POINT IS? MAY SAY THAT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

JIM D'ANGELO: MY POINT IS YOU'RE PROPOSING TO PENALIZE A SMALL SELECT GROUP TO CARRY THE LOAD FOR THE GREATER MASS. WHY IS IT NOT FAIR TO SPREAD OUT THE COST AMONG THE MASSES, THOSE WHO PURCHASED THE PROBLEM, TO PAY A MINUTE AMOUNT FOR THEIR USE OF THE PRODUCT YOU SAY CAUSED IT?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOU MAY PROCEED, MA'AM. YOUR NAME.

BARBARA GJERSET: I'M BARBARA GJERSET. I'M PROPERTY OWNER. I'M SURROUNDED BY THE STATION FIRE WHICH DID A LOT OF DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY. AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REBUILD VERY MUCH OF IT. AND I'VE OWNED THE PROPERTY FOR 30 YEARS. I DO NOT HAVE ANY CEMENT OR BLACKTOP ON MY PROPERTY. IT IS ALL NATURAL DIRT AND GRASS. THE NEAREST STORM DRAIN IS 5 MILES AWAY NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF FLORA VISTA AND BIG TUJUNGA CANYON ROAD. I'M



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IN THE CITY OF TUJUNGA. I'M RETIRED. I'M NOT ABLE TO PAY A HUGE ASSESSMENT, WHICH BASICALLY 150 PERCENT ADDITION TO MY PROPERTY TAX. I DON'T HAVE ANY RUNOFF WHEN IT RAINS BECAUSE I HAVE DIRT AND GRASS. SO I PROTEST THE FEE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MA'AM?

WENDY FREEMAN: HELLO. MY NAME IS WENDY FREEMAN AND. I LIVE IN SUNLAND, CALIFORNIA. AND HERE IS MY JUNK MAIL THAT I THOUGHT WAS JUNK MAIL. AND ALMOST DIDN'T READ. AND I WANT TO THANK MR. ANTONOVICH FOR YOU OPPOSING IT AND THE SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU SUGGESTED. AND I HOPE THAT THEY TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION. I'M OPPOSED TO THIS TAX. I'M A SIMPLE HOMEOWNER, A SENIOR CITIZEN AND NOT EVEN THE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T SENIOR CITIZENS, THEY CAN'T AFFORD THIS, EITHER. WE ALREADY PAY TAXES ON OUR PROPERTIES FOR FLOOD AND WATER BASINS. THIS IS DOUBLE TAXATIONS. YOU KEEP TAXING HOMEOWNERS. WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. YOU'RE DRIVING US OUT. HOMEOWNERS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO HANDLE THIS BESIDES HOMEOWNERS. LET'S PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT AND LET US VOTE ON IT. ADD ANOTHER QUARTER PERCENT OR HALF TAX TO EVERYONE. YOU'RE REAL GOOD ABOUT THAT. NOT JUST HOMEOWNERS. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MA'AM?



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SPEAKER: I ATTEND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONER HEARINGS. AND I'D LIKE TO REPORT THAT THE 30 PERCENT RATE INCREASE IN THE WATER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER WAS PASSED. IT HAS NOT AS OF THIS POINT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. YOU WANT CLEAN WATER? WELL, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS THAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE RESERVOIRS IS BEING CONVERTED OVER TO DRINKING WATER QUALITY. DRINKING WATER QUALITY. WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE WATER? WE WASH OUR CLOTHES. WE TAKE SHOWERS IN IT. WE FLUSH THE TOILETS WITH IT. WE DO NOT NEED DRINKING WATER QUALITY FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE RESERVOIRS. WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE ARE TAXING ALL OF YOUR CITIZENS AND RATE PAYERS OUT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. WE ALREADY HAVE A TAX ON OUR PROPERTY BILLS FOR STORM REFORM, FOR STORM CONTROL. IF PEOPLE ARE LITTERING, FINE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LITTERING. GIVE THEM A FINE. NOT THE PROPERTY OWNERS. THE WATER GOES DOWN INTO OUR LAND, THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THIS TAX IMPOSED UPON US. IT'S TOO MUCH, WE CANNOT AFFORD IT. LOS ANGELES HAS GOT TO CHANGE. IF THEY DON'T, WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE WITH OUR FEET. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.



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SPEAKER: I THINK THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MEETING FOR ME TODAY IS TO HEAR ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS. AND I HAVE LEARNED MORE TODAY ABOUT WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS MEASURE THAN I REALLY UNDERSTOOD. AND FOR THAT, I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE THIS HEARING. THERE ARE TWO MEASURES ALREADY INCLUDED IN OUR PROPERTY TAXES, AND THEY APPARENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE, THE FLOOD CONTROL ON THE BASIN WATER RUNOFF CONTROL. THEY ARE THERE, I PAY THEM. SO WE ARE GOING TO ADD A THIRD MEASURE AND INCREASE OUR TAXES? I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND RETHINK HOW WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION AND INCREASED POPULATION. THIS SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE LACK OF CLEAN WATER AND ALSO A MUCH, MUCH STRONGER VIEW OF WHO THE INDUSTRIES ARE HERE AND HOW DID THAT POLLUTION COME ABOUT? WE NEED BOTH. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST RUNOFF. SO I'M OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE. I FEEL THAT WE NEED A MEASURE WITHOUT QUESTION ABOUT CLEAN WATER, BUT NOT THIS ONE. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MAY I CALL SIMBOA WRIGHT? RON MILLER. KEVIN SHARPTON. MELANIE WINTER. MICHAEL DRENNAN. KAREN FEINBERG. MR. SACHS, PROCEED.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. YOU WANT CLEAN WATER? YOU FIRST KNOW YOU NEED TO START WITH SOME CLEANER POLITICIANS. JUST HEARING A LOT OF DISCUSSION



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ABOUT THE WISH FOR OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE BALLOTS. BEFORE YOU, PRIOR TO YOU PUT THIS BALLOT MOTION FORWARD IN YOUR MEETING, YOU HAD MEETINGS AND IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS DOING MAILINGS FOR WATER BOARDS THAT WERE LOOKING FOR RATE INCREASES FOR THEIR USERS. WHY WAS THE PUBLIC WORKS INVOLVED THERE? SO THE ADDRESSING PART OF THIS ENVELOPE SITUATION IS JUST A SYMPTOM OF THINGS THAT GO WRONG WITH THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD BRING TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION AN ITEM THAT APPEARED IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BACK IN 2006, ONE OF THE MONTHS I FIRST STARTED COMING HERE. AND IT REGARDS THE EXPANSION OF THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY FROM 6,000 POUNDS A DAY, 36,000 POUNDS A WEEK, TO 12,100 POUNDS A DAY, TO 66 -- NOT POUNDS, TONS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR?

ARNOLD SACHS: 66,000 TONS A WEEK.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

ARNOLD SACHS: 12 TIMES 6 THAT'S YOUR MATH, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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ARNOLD SACHS: YOU'RE WELCOME.

RAJ KAHLON: HI, MY NAME IS RAJ KAHLON, I AM FROM -- PROPERTY OWNER. I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE WHICH MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL. I DON'T KNOW WHOEVER PUT THIS TOGETHER. I THINK YOU NEED TO REMOVE THIS PERSON. AND AFTER I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE, I WENT ON AN INSPECTION OF YOUR DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND THE STREET CLEANER YOU WANT TO CHARGE US FOR THIS ONE. AND I HAVE SOME PHOTOS FOR THIS ONE FOR THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM NEED TO BE CLEANED UP. SO I LIKE YOU TO SEE THOSE PICTURES HOW THE DRAINING SYSTEM LOOK LIKE, WHICH WE ARE PAYING FOR THE STREET CLEANING AND THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS NOT BEEN CLEANED FOR PROBABLY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. SO THIS IS A MESS SITTING RIGHT HERE. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THAT AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR I WILL FORWARD THIS NEWS TO THE NEWS MEDIA. THANK YOU. SO HERE IS PHOTOS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
SIR?

KEVIN SHARPTON: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEVIN SHARPTON AND I'M HERE TODAY IN FAVOR OF CLEAN WATER AND THIS PROGRAM IF PROGRAMS CAN BE IDENTIFIED. I'M PROPOSING A SOLUTION TO REDUCE ACTUALLY FECAL COLIFORM



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POLLUTION, SPECIFICALLY FROM PET WASTE IN THE STORM WATER. OUR COMPANY, POO PRINTS WEST, CURRENTLY OFFERS MULTIUNIT HOUSING A D.N.A. PET WASTE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION. WE COULD TAKE THIS PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY LEVEL AS WE JUST INTRODUCED THIS TO THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. THE PROPOSAL IS THIS: EVERY DOG IN THE L.A. COUNTY WOULD SUBMIT THEIR D.N.A. BASED ON OUR POO PRINTS PROGRAM. IF WASTE IS LEFT BEHIND BY IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS, A D.N.A. MATCH FROM THE WASTE CAN FIND THE OFFENDING OWNER AND THE COUNTY'S NUISANCE FINES CAN BE IMPOSED SOLELY UPON THEM WITHOUT TAXATION UPON THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. A SINGLE GRAM OF DOG FECES CAN CONTAIN 23 MILLION FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA. BACTERIAL SOURCE TRACKING STUDIES IN THE WATERSHED IN THE SEATTLE AREA FOUND THAT NEARLY 20 PERCENT OF BACTERIA -- THAT COULD BE MATCHED WITH HOST ANIMALS WERE MATCHED WITH DOGS. A 20 SQUARE MILE WATERSHED WITH 2 TO 3 DAYS OF DROPPINGS FROM A POPULATION OF ABOUT 100 DOGS WOULD CONTRIBUTE ENOUGH BACTERIA TO WARRANT A TEMPORARY CLOSE OF THIS WATER BODY. L.A. COUNTY HAS 1.5 MILLION DOGS. 40 PERCENT OF DOG OWNERS DO NOT PICK UP. I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A BROCHURE TO THE SERGEANT IF I COULD.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOU MAY INDEED.

KEVIN SHARPTON: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS TESTIMONY. I SEE PEOPLE WAVING THEIR HANDS. I HAVE CALLED EVERY SINGLE NOTE THAT I HAVE. NOW WHO IS OF THE IMPRESSION, MISTAKEN THOUGH IT MAY BE THAT THEIR NAME WAS NOT CALLED? COME RIGHT FORWARD. IN OTHER WORDS, DRAW NIGH UNTO ME. ALL RIGHT. I SEE FOUR. GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, THE FOUR OF YOU MAY COME. WAIT A MINUTE. I SAW YOU TESTIFY BEFORE. SIR, COME RIGHT ON THROUGH. SERGEANT, LET HIM COME THROUGH. THIS IS JUST ON ITEM 40. THIS IS NOT ON PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD MEETING. NOW DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON ITEM 40?

SPEAKER: YES, SIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY BE SEATED TO DO SO. MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE CARDS AND LET ME SAY THAT WILL ESSENTIALLY BE THE FINAL PERSONS TO BE HEARD. FOUR MORE MINUTES OF TESTIMONY. YOU MAY BEGIN NOW.

JOSEPH COTA: MY NAME IS JOE COTA, I'M A PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST AND I PREPARE STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS. THERE ARE SOME FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS WITH THE COUNTY'S REPORT THAT NEED TO REALLY BE LOOKED AT. I WOULDN'T SUPPORT IT UNTIL YOU CHANGED SOME OF THE THINGS. WE HAVE -- PART OF IT IS THAT YOU NEED TO STOP POLLUTION AT ITS SOURCE. WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS



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THEY'RE TAXING FOR RUNOFF FROM THE SOURCES RATHER THAN GIVING TAX INITIATIVES OR TAX BREAKS FOR PEOPLE THAT WOULD INSTALL ROOF, THINGS LIKE RAIN BARRELS AND GREEN ROOFS, GARDENS AND THINGS RATHER THAN TAXING THEM. I HAVE ONE PROPERTY AT 15584 SIERRA HIGHWAY THAT'S AN 11.7 ACRE CHURCH PROPERTY. IT'S A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITH NINE SMALL COTTAGES. THEY'RE BEING TAXED AT -- THE FEE IS 91 PERCENT RUNOFF THERE, THEY'RE CLAIMING, BASED ON THE ANALYSIS FROM STANDARD HYDROLOGY MANUAL WHICH DON'T APPLY. WE MEASURED THE AREA. 10,947 SQUARE FEET INCLUDING ALL THE PAVEMENT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.

JOSEPH COTA: IT ACTUAL IS 2.35 PERCENT RUNOFF. THEY'RE BEING TAXED \$10,969.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MA'AM, THE FLOWER IS YOURS.

PILAR HOYOS: GOOD AFTERNOON. PILAR HOYOS. I THINK THAT THERE'S A CONSPIRACY HERE. SOMEBODY PUT MY NAME IN THE COMPUTER AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I WASN'T CALLED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: A CONSPIRACY, YOU SAY?



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PILAR HOYOS: THAT WAS A JOKE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE'RE GOING TO CHASE THAT CONSPIRACY DOWN.

PILAR HOYOS: PILAR HOYOS, REPRESENTING WATSON LAND COMPANY. WE'RE BASED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, ONE OF YOUR LARGEST LAND OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT AND HAPPY TO SAY THAT MORE THAN 8,000 PEOPLE COME TO WORK IN OUR MASTER PLAN CENTERS. WE ARE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION AND STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MEASURE AS IT'S WRITTEN. WE URGE YOU TO REJECT IT AS WRITTEN. AMONG THE SPECIFIC CONCERNS THAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY, WE AGREE THE PROCESS HAS BEEN DECEPTIVE AND JUST FLAWED AT BEST. THE METHODOLOGY CREATES A DISINCENTIVE FOR COMPANIES LIKE WATSON LAND COMPANY WHO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO CAPTURE THE SURFACE RUNOFF. AND YOU'VE HEARD THAT FROM MANY OTHER SPEAKERS, AS WELL. THAT VERY REASON ALSO UNDERMINES THE LEGAL BASIS FOR TREATING THIS AS A FEE. THIS IS A TAX. AND THUS REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE ENTIRE ELECTORATE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: MA'AM?

PILAR HOYOS: THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: CONSPIRACY NOTWITHSTANDING, YOUR



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TIME HAS EXPIRED.

PILAR HOYOS: I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THE LETTER THAT I HAND DELIVERED TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR? YOU MAY PROCEED.

JAMES BONNY: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIM BONNY. I'M THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER FOR CERTIFIED ALLIED PRODUCTS IN LONG BEACH. WE EMPLOY 100 EMPLOYEES. WE'VE HAD A TOUGH YEAR THIS LAST YEAR. THEY'VE HAD TO BE FURLOUGHED IN LIEU OF LAYOFF. WE DO A LOT OF EFFORTS HERE. WE'RE AN I.S.O. 14,001 COMPANY, WHERE WE DO A LOT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE STORM WATER PROGRAM. WE DO BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. WE DO ALL THE THINGS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO AND WE PAY FEES ON THAT. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO THIS. WE -- AS A SAFETY MANAGER, WE TRY TO FIX THINGS NOT REACTIVELY BUT PROACTIVELY. WE NEED TO PROACTIVELY FIX THIS. WE HAVE A PERMIT, BUT OUR NEIGHBORS DON'T. THEY'RE DUMPING STUFF ONTO OUR PROPERTY AND THEY'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM. WE NEED TO FIX THE PROBLEM, NOT GO AND TRY TO GET MORE MONEY FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU. NEXT?



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. FINAL SPEAKER.

SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS: I WAS IN THE COMPUTER, ALSO, SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS, CULVER CITY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LONG TALK WITH THAT COMPUTER, OKAY?

SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS: THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS: HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND CHAIR. I LIKE THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT THERE'S A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND A NUMBER OF EQUITIES THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED. ONE EXAMPLE IS WHEN THE NEARBY P.X.P. OIL FIELD DUMPS ITS TOXIC WASTES INTO THE BALLONA CHANNEL, IF IT GETS CAUGHT, IT GETS SLAPPED ON THE HAND FINE. IN FACT RIGHT NOW THEY'RE ASKING THE WATER BOARD TO RENEW PERMITS TO DUMP OVER 7-1/2 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY OF STORM WATER RUNOFF. THIS FIELD ALSO LEECHES TOXINS INTO THE WATERSHED AND IT PLANS TO PUMP ITS CONTAMINATED FRACK WATER BACK INTO THE GROUND, TRYING TO CONVINCE US THAT THE WATERSHED, WHICH YOU'RE SEEKING TO RESTORE ITS AQUIFERS, IS REALLY NOT POTABLE WATER. WE NEED



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INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE PUBLIC TO LEARN THE DETAILS, WEIGH IN AND HELP CREATE A PROPOSAL THAT IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE, THEN PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AT A TIME WHEN MOST PEOPLE WILL GO OUT TO VOTE. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME YOU'VE TAKEN TODAY TO HEAR FROM US ALL. WE TRUST THAT DEMOCRACY WILL PREVAIL AS WE WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT DOES EFFECTIVELY CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR HEARING. SUPERVISOR KNABE WISHES TO BE HEARD.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, TO YOU AND TO YOUR STAFF, A VERY PATIENT AND GREAT JOB TODAY RUNNING THE MEETING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SIR.

SUP. KNABE: WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. OBVIOUSLY THESE THINGS CAN FROM TIME TO TIME GET OUT OF CONTROL AND YOU DID A GREAT JOB OF WORKING WITH EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE WAS HEARD. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF COMMENT TODAY AND PRIOR TO TODAY'S MEETING I THINK THEY WERE ABLE TO ARTICULATE AND VALIDATE AND VOCALIZE WHAT THEY'VE BEEN TELLING OUR OFFICES, AND MINE IN PARTICULAR. THIS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE IS THE



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LARGEST PROTEST HEARING PROCESS THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS EVER UNDERTAKEN. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONVENIENT, TRANSPARENT AND OPEN AS POSSIBLE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY AS YOU HEARD TODAY AND ONGOING, IT DID NOT LIVE UP TO THAT. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE FEE. SOME HAVE QUESTIONED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE WAY THE PROCESS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED. WE MAILED A VERY IMPORTANT PROTEST HEARING NOTICE THAT REALLY TRULY LOOKS LIKE JUNK MAIL TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE BUSIEST MAIL SEASON OF THE YEAR, AND WE ARE STILL BEING TOLD THAT MANY NEVER RECEIVED THE NOTICE OR MORE IMPORTANTLY INADVERTENTLY THROWN AWAY. ADDITIONALLY, UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE RECENTLY INFORMED THAT AN ONLINE OR EMAIL PROTEST WAS AN OPTION FOR US TO USE DURING THESE PROCEEDINGS BUT WAS NEVER SET UP. THIS TYPE OF PROCESS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM THE BEGINNING TO ENSURE THAT THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST WAS AS CONVENIENT AS POSSIBLE. ALSO THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE HEARD FROM HOMEOWNERS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CITIES, CHURCHES, NONPROFITS, CHAMBERS AND EVEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THAT HAVE REQUESTED THE PROCESS BE GIVEN MORE TIME SO THAT THEIR ISSUES COULD BE ADDRESSED. MANY PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESSES ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY'RE ALREADY REQUIRED BY VARIOUS LAWS THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO DO THE THINGS THAT THIS PARCEL FEE IS MEANT TO ACHIEVE, SUCH AS CAPTURING STORM WATER, INSTALLING PERMEABLE PAVEMENT, AND



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SO ON. SO THAT IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE DOUBLE TAXATION. OTHERS WANT TO SEE A SPECIFIC PROJECT LIST TO KNOW WHERE THE MONEY WILL BE GOING. AND WHAT IS MENTIONED MOST TO THE ME WAS MOST RECENTLY THE M.T.A. MEASURE R AND MEASURE J, PROJECT-SPECIFIC. FINALLY, WE ARE ALSO ASKING SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, NONPROFITS, THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE STRUGGLED MOST THROUGH THIS TOUGH ECONOMY, OPEN SPACE TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM THE PROGRAMS TO PAY THIS FEE. MOST OF THESE GROUPS HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THESE FUNDS WILL COME FROM. WE NEED TO TAKE A STEP BACK, GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO BE HEARD AND FIGURE OUT A PATH FORWARD WHICH IS FAIR, EQUITABLE AND ACHIEVES OUR SHARED GOAL, WHICH IS CLEANER WATER AND BEACHES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE PROTEST PROCESS AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CLEAN WATER AND BEACHES INITIATIVE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS AND DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND I'M GOING TO ADD AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO ADDRESS AND REPORT BACK ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES. ONE, TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE AN ONLINE EMAIL PROTEST OPTION TO THE PUBLIC. TWO, PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR PLACING THIS INITIATIVE ON A GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IF THERE IS NO MAJORITY PROTEST. THREE, DETERMINE A POSSIBLE SUNSET DATE FOR THIS INITIATIVE. FOUR, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO FIND A SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS THAT THIS INITIATIVE WOULD FUND. FIVE, ADDRESS THE CONCERN OF DOUBLE TAXATION FOR THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY CAPTURING AND TREATING STORM WATER AND ABIDING BY THE LAW. AND, SIX, DEVELOP



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POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS TO FUND STORM WATER QUALITY PROJECTS. AND I'D LIKE TO PUT THAT MOTION ON THE TABLE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE MATTER IS BEFORE -- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, AS WELL.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: PUTTING MOTIONS ON THE TABLE, I'D LIKE TO PUT TWO ON THE TABLE, THEN WE CAN DISCUSS THE THREE OF THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE RELATED IN A SENSE THAT ONE IS TO ELIMINATE IT. ONE IS TO DELAY IT. AND THE OTHER IS TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. SO THE FIRST MOTION I WOULD READ THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES CONTINUE TO SHOULDER THE FINANCIAL BURDEN PLACED BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL AND FUNDED WATER MANDATES DESPITE THE STRUGGLING BUT SEVERE BUDGET CUTS. THE COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND INDUSTRIES ARE NOW SPENDING UPWARDS OF \$340 MILLION A YEAR IN EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL WATER REGULATIONS. THIS PROPOSAL WILL COST THE COUNTY AN ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION IN NEW TAXES ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MORE THAN ANY OTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, CONTINUES TO INVEST PUBLIC RESOURCES IN EVER GROWING AMOUNTS TO CLEAN WATER GOALS. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SPENT \$50 BILLION IN 1995 TO OVER \$103 BILLION IN 2009 ON CLEAN WATER GOALS, A TOTAL OF \$1.6 TRILLION. MEANWHILE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES LESS THAN \$2 BILLION PER YEAR TO



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THE STATES WHO PROVIDE THE LOANS, NOT GRANTS, TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY THE THIRD MOST COSTLY MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE FOR CITIES IS PROVIDING SAFE AND ADEQUATE WATER. ADDITIONALLY, INFLATION, POPULATION GROWTH AND AN AGING INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUES TO INCREASE THE NEEDED INVESTMENT EACH YEAR. YET EVEN WITH THESE PRE-EXISTING COSTS, THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO PURSUE AN AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF ADVANCING NEW WATER REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS THAT EXPAND COUNTY AND CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY BUT ONLY OFFER MARGINAL BENEFITS. SERIOUS CHANGES MUST BE MADE TO DECREASE THE EXCESSIVE COSTS BEING PASSED DOWN TO TAXPAYERS THROUGH ENORMOUS TAX INCREASES AND TAX HIKEs HITTING CITIZENS WHERE IT HURTS MOST. SO THIS MOTION WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER BEACHES TAX PROPOSED BY THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. AND THE SECOND MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S CONTINUING TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES ON 2.2 MILLION PARCELS IN THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR AN UNDEFINED LIST OF PROJECTS TO TREAT STORM WATER RUNOFFS, EVEN THOUGH THE DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS OR COSTS FOR COMPLETING THE PROJECTS. IT IS RECOMMENDING INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY FOR THEM. THE RESPONSIBLE APPROACH WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS' COSTS AND EXISTING REVENUE BEFORE PASSING THE BUCK TO THE TAXPAYERS. THE STATUS AND AMOUNT OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE COUNTY IS SO FAR IS UNCERTAIN. HOWEVER, \$742.1 MILLION IN ONE-TIME REVENUES HAS BEEN



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DISTRIBUTED TO ALL TAXING ENTITIES SINCE THE DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT. A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME ONGOING REVENUE. MOREOVER, ONCE ALL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEBT IS PAID OFF, THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$450 MILLION ANNUALLY IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM WHAT WAS ONCE REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENTS. PER THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE OVER \$156 MILLION IN REVENUE IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ALSO RECEIVES NEARLY \$6 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. COMBINED, THE COUNTY AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE \$162 MILLION IN ONE-TIME REVENUES THIS FISCAL YEAR THAT COULD BE USED FOR STORM WATER CLEANUP PROJECTS WITHOUT HAVING TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES. IN ADDITION, LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS HAS PUT A STRAIN ON BOTH CITY AND COUNTY BUDGETS. THE COST OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDS AS DICTATED BY THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM WATER SYSTEMS, MS4, PERMIT ADDS TO THAT STRAIN. RETURNING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE CITIES IN THE FORM OF STORM WATER PROJECT FUNDING COULD ASSIST IN PROVIDING FUNDING STABILITY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING A PORTION OF THE \$162 MILLION IN REDEVELOPMENT REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ON STORM WATER PROJECTS INSTEAD OF INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES. AND, TWO, OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE THAT COULD BE USED FOR STORM WATER PROJECTS THAT DON'T INVOLVE RAISING PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING FUND BALANCES



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AND FLOOD CONTROL DESIGNATIONS, ONE-TIME AND ONGOING REVENUES FROM FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO MOTIONS PUT ON THE TABLE, MR. CHAIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. LET ME WEIGH IN AT THIS POINT AND DETERMINE IF WE CAN'T MOVE THE MATTER FORWARD. WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY HEARD A VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TESTIMONY TODAY, JUST UNDER 200 PERSONS DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND DID SPEAK, PRECISELY 194, IF MY INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS IT CAME FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. AND THE MATTER HAS BEEN PUT FORTH IN TERMS OF THE PROS AND CONS. WE HAVE THREE MOTIONS BEFORE US. I SHOULD THINK THAT WE WOULD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TODAY. I WOULD FURTHER THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TALLY THE PROTEST BALLOTS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THAT FINAL TALLY. AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FEEDBACK THAT WAS PROVIDED TODAY. THAT FEEDBACK, BY ANY OBJECTIVE STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEEMED SUBSTANTIAL. WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS FULL CONSENSUS IN TERMS OF THE PROS AND CONS OF THAT FEEDBACK, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IT CANNOT BE IGNORED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT WE CONCUR THAT IT CAN BE IGNORED, I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE REVISIONS, TO REDRAFT THE ORDINANCE. AND THERE SHOULD BE IN THAT PROCESS SUFFICIENT TIME ALLOTTED



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FOR PUBLIC INPUT JUST AS WE'VE HAD TODAY. THE FORM OF THAT PUBLIC INPUT CAN BE WHAT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT WITH LAW. BUT THEN FINALLY WE ARE TO GET THAT DOCUMENT BACK TO THE BOARD IN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. IT COULD BE 45 TO 60 DAYS TO TAKE YET ANOTHER LOOK AT A DRAFT ORDINANCE AND PROVIDE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHETHER OR NOT WE SET A SPECIFIC DATE FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE. NOW, HAVING SAID THAT, IT WOULD BE MY VIEW THAT THE MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE US CAN BE ENTERTAINED PURSUANT TO THE DESIRES OF THE RESPECTIVE MAKERS OF THOSE MOTIONS. BUT IN TERMS OF ANY ACTION, THE ONLY THINGS THAT I THINK WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THAT WHICH I'M SUGGESTING WOULD BE REPORT BACKS. ANYTHING THAT WOULD ALTER OR PRE-EMPT THE ACTION ITEMS THAT I JUST DELINEATED, THAT IS THE TALLYING, THAT IS THE CLOSING OF THE HEARING, THAT IS THE APPROPRIATE REDRAFTING, THAT IS THE SUBMISSION FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OR RECONSIDERATION, I WOULD THINK WOULD BE PREMATURE OR PRE-EMPTIVE. I TRUST THAT WHICH I'VE SAID IS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR; IF NOT, I WILL BE GLAD TO CLARIFY IT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE MATTERS ARE BEFORE US, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

SUP. KNABE: MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK MY MOTION ADDRESSES YOUR ISSUES, IT'S A REPORT BACK.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. TO THE EXTENT THAT



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IT'S INTERPRETED AS A REPORT BACK, THAT'S FINE. PERHAPS I WILL HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL OPINE ON THAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THE ONE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE, MR. CHAIRMAN, BETWEEN WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING AND WHAT MR. KNABE PROPOSED IS YOU'RE PROPOSING TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING. I THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NO DEBATE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT DOESN'T PRECLUDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT A SUBSEQUENT DATE. SO IT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. LET ME JUST SPEAK TO THIS BRIEFLY. AND THANK YOU FOR A GOOD JOB ON CONDUCTING THIS HEARING TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S A LOT OF FUN, ISN'T IT? CAN I GET THE STAFF UP HERE? JUST IN CASE ANYTHING COMES UP, MARK PESTRELLA, JUST IN CASE ANYTHING COMES UP. THERE'S BEEN A LOT SAID ABOUT THIS TODAY. AND I FOUND -- AND A LOT OF IT'S BEEN VALID AND A LOT OF THIS INPUT HAS BEEN PROVIDED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, IF NOT LONGER. AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK DONE BY THE STAFF AND BY OUR COLLECTIVE STAFFS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE GO. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THIS IS NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME. THERE ARE TOO MANY QUESTIONS, NOT ONLY AMONG MEMBERS --



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS THE FLOOR. PROCEED.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: JUST TO RESTART. WE HAD A LOT OF THESE COMMENTS OVER THE PERIOD OF THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MANY OF THEM ARE VERY LEGITIMATE. THE ONE THING THAT I THINK NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED VERY CLEARLY AND VERY TRANSPARENTLY IS IF WE PUT A MATTER ON THE BALLOT, ON THE REGULAR ELECTION BALLOT, THE ODDS ARE IT WOULD BE A PARCEL TAX. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE A SALES TAX. THE ONLY OTHER TAX AVAILABLE TO US IS A PARCEL TAX AS WE DID IN MEASURE B IN 2002 AND IN 1997 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SO WHETHER WE DO IT THIS WAY OR THAT WAY, IT'S GOING TO BE A PROPERTY TAX. NOW THE QUESTION, OR A TAX ON PROPERTY IN SOME FASHION. THE QUESTION OF IS IT FAIR IS A LEGITIMATE QUESTION. THE VERY SAME PEOPLE WHO ARGUE AGAINST A PROPERTY TAX BECAUSE ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS WILL PAY FOR THEM, WHEN WE PUT IT ON A GENERAL BALLOT PEOPLE COME TO US AND SAY PEOPLE WHO DON'T OWN PROPERTY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON PEOPLE WHO DO AND IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO DO OWN PROPERTY WHO ARE GOING TO BE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO PAY FOR IT. SO THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT THAT SAID WELL THAT THE INCREASES WERE GOING TO BE PASSED ALONG IN THE RENT, TO RENTERS, SO RENTERS WOULD PAY. BUT TODAY YOU HEARD FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APARTMENT HOUSE INDUSTRY THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THEIR RENT, THEIR COST INCREASES AS A RESULT OF THIS TO



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THEIR RENTERS. SO THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION AND THERE'S A LOT OF MISINFORMATION. PROPERTY OWNERS, WHAT WAS THE STATISTIC, GAIL? 30 PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS COUNTY NOT REGISTERED VOTERS. AND THEY ALSO OUGHT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO BE TAXED OR NOT. PHILOSOPHICALLY I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED WHEN YOU TAX PROPERTY OWNERS, YOU ACTUALLY MAKE IT MORE LIKELY THAT THE THING WILL FAIL BECAUSE ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING PAY ARE THE ONES -- OR THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO PAY, IN THIS CASE KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH THEY'RE GOING TO PAY, THERE'S A DISPROPORTIONATE TENDENCY FOR THOSE PEOPLE TO VOTE AGAINST ASSESSING THEMSELVES UNLESS IT'S SOMETHING VERY UNIQUE. THE OTHER THING THAT I THOUGHT WAS INTERESTING TODAY IS THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CITIES, INCLUDING CITIES THAT WE HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH, WHO DID NOT COME TO SUPPORT BUT CAME TO OPPOSE, EVEN AFTER WE ACCOMMODATED THEM IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. AND THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE, TOO, AND I'M SURE THAT QUESTIONS HAVE COME UP IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DISCUSSION, AS WELL. BUT AS IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO GO AFTER PEOPLE, PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE VIOLATING FEDERAL WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS OR STATE WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS, THOSE VERY INSTITUTIONS HAVE A BULL'S EYE ON THEM AS WELL AS WE DO, ISN'T THAT CORRECT? YOU CAN SPEAK UP.



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MARK PESTRELLA: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. YAROSLQAVSKY: SO THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE GLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD END UP BEING FINED BY A FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCY OR BY A STATE REGULATORY AGENCY IF THEY ARE DEEMED TO BE -- IF THE BOOK IS THROWN AT US OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. SO WHETHER THEY PAY THIS WAY OR THAT WAY, THE ODDS ARE THEY'RE GOING TO PAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT WE CAN CONTROL AND NOT SOME COURT OR FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCY. HAVING SAID THAT, ONE OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT IN THE CONTEXT OF DON KNABE'S MOTION AND THE CHAIR'S MOTION IS TO LOOK AT WAYS -- I THINK IT'S ADDRESSED IN DON'S MOTION TO SOME DEGREE, HOW WE CAN CREDIT PEOPLE, NOT JUST SCHOOLS, BUT ANYBODY, ANY PROPERTY OWNER WHO MAY HAVE ALREADY INVESTED MONEY TO CLEAN UP THEIR WATER RUNOFF THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF -- THE EQUIVALENT OF THEIR IMPERMEABILITY OR INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THEIR PERMEABILITY SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY TWICE. IF I HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO RECYCLE MY WATER IN MY HOUSE, THEN I SHOULDN'T GET THE STANDARD \$54 FEE OR WHATEVER IT IS ON MY HOUSE. I SHOULD GET CREDIT FOR THAT. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DO THE SAME THING, THEY COULD GET THOUSANDS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF CREDIT OR MORE IF THEY'VE DONE IT. YOU'VE GOT TO COME BACK TO US WITH A MECHANISM BY WHICH THAT COULD BE DONE AND A MECHANISM BY WHICH



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YOU COULD RATIONALLY IDENTIFY WHETHER THEY HAVE DONE IT OR NOT. THE NOTION THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OR THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WOULD HAVE TO RUN AROUND LOOKING AT TWO MILLION DIFFERENT PIECES OF PROPERTY IS A LITTLE DAUNTING. BUT MAYBE THERE'S A WAY WE CAN DO THAT. THE OTHER THING THAT'S NOT CLEAR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE INPUT I'VE GOTTEN IS PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THERE'S AN APPEALS PROCESS HERE. IN FACT IT'S HARD TO FIND ANYTHING THAT SAYS THERE'S AN APPEALS PROCESS UNTIL YOU GET INTO THE BOWELS OF THE REPORT. I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED LOUD AND CLEAR THAT THERE IS AN APPEALS -- REGARDLESS IF THIS EVER GETS TO THE BALLOT OR TO A MAIL BALLOT AND IF IT EVER GETS APPROVED, WHICH IS DOUBTFUL AS WE SIT HERE TODAY, BUT IF IT EVER DID, THE PEOPLE OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THERE'S AN APPEALS PROCESS, THAT THIS IS NOT SOME PROCESS THAT'S BEING RUN BY FIAT, BY THE FIVE OF US OR BY YOU. AND THAT THERE IS A LEGITIMATE, CREDIBLE APPEALS PROCESS. AND THE LAST THING IS, WELL I THINK IT'S COVERED IN DON'S MOTION, THE SUNSET IDEA IS A GOOD IDEA. AND I LIKE THE COMMENT THAT THE GENTLEMAN EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OR LATE IN THE MORNING SAID THAT HE WAS 75 YEARS OLD OR WHATEVER HE WAS AND 30 YEARS WAS A LIFETIME TO HIM. 30 YEARS IS A LONG TIME. AND I CERTAINLY THINK A SUNSET OF NO LONGER THAN 30 YEARS WOULD MAKE SENSE. SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. ON THE ISSUE OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS, WHICH DON AND I DEBATED ON THE RADIO THE OTHER DAY, WOULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS --



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OH, ONE OTHER THING. THE ORDINANCE, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S IN YOUR MOTION, DON. BUT THE ORDINANCE THAT ACCOMPANIES THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE THIS GOES OUT TO A VOTE. THERE'S BEEN A DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE BEFORE OR AFTER IT GOES OUT TO A VOTE. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY I SUPPORT ANYTHING LIKE THIS, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD. IF YOU HAVE A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE BUT THE ORDINANCE THAT IMPLEMENTS IT ONLY COMES AFTER THE VOTE, I MEAN, I WOULDN'T TRUST --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WHAT I HAVE SUGGESTED IS THAT THE ORDINANCE COME TO THE BOARD EVEN BEFORE SETTING AN ELECTION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S EVEN BETTER. BUT CERTAINLY BEFORE -- THE PUBLIC OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO -- THE VOTERS, WHOEVER THEY ARE, OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE ORDINANCE WHEN THEY'RE VOTING, IF THEY SO CHOOSE. AND THE LAST THING I WANTED TO MENTION IS I THINK I'VE COVERED IT, BUT IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER IDEAS THAT COME UP, I THINK THE FIVE OF US OUGHT TO BE FREE TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU IN THE NEXT, IF IT'S 90 DAY, IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS. I WANT TO JUST BRING ONE THING TO EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION ABOUT THE TIMING OF THIS, JUST SO WE KNOW WITH OPEN EYES WHAT WE'RE FACED WITH. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF WE DON'T VOTE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO VOTE TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT BY THE END OF MAY OR BEGINNING OF JUNE, IS THAT ROUGHLY



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CORRECT, THAT WE WILL HAVE TO START THIS PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN. THAT THERE'S NOT AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT'S ALLOTTED TO US. TOM, YOU CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. THERE'S NOT AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOTTED TO US TO CONDUCT THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TO TAKE TESTIMONY AND TO CONTEMPLATE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. AND I THINK THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WAS IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR, IS THAT CORRECT?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: SUPERVISOR, IF THE INTENT OF THE BOARD IS NOW TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING TODAY, THEN THAT PORTION OF THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. AND THE NEXT PROCESS IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE GOING TO CALL AN ELECTION. AND YOU HAVE A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO THAT. FOR INSTANCE, IF THIS WERE TO BE A POLLING PLACE ELECTION OF THE ELECTORATE, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE DATES THAT YOU WOULD BE CONSIDERING WOULD BE NEXT YEAR. SO THERE IS TIME. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO RESTART THE PROCESS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: TOM, THE QUESTION THAT I'M ASKING IS WHEN IS THE TIME LIMIT BY WHICH WE HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION IF IT'S A MAIL ELECTION, MAIL BALLOT ELECTION?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THERE IS NO LEGAL TIME LIMIT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO IF WE WAITED UNTIL AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER OF



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THIS YEAR, A YEAR AND A HALF, OR A YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE HAD GONE OUT, THAT WOULD BE OKAY?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PROTEST PROCESS, YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: OKAY. THAT WAS NOT WHAT I WAS INFORMED RECENTLY. BUT DO YOU WANT TO WEIGH IN ON THIS?

MARK PESTRELLA: I JUST THINK THE COUNCIL MIGHT MAKE IT CLEAR REGARDING THE PROTEST HEARING AND ITS CONCLUSION AND THE TIMELINE THERE, I THINK THE SUPERVISOR MAY BE ASKING THAT.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: YES. IF THIS PROTEST HEARING WERE TO BE CONTINUED FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME, THAT WOULD BE OF A CONCERN. IF YOUR INTENT IS TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING OR TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN A SHORT CONTINUANCE OF THE PROTEST HEARING, 90 DAYS, THAT WOULD NOT BE PROBLEMATIC. THE OVERALL PROCESS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: CLARIFICATION. IT WOULD BE OF CONCERN BECAUSE OF A LEGAL VULNERABILITY?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: YES. AFTER A WHILE, YOU RUN INTO A STALENESS ISSUE THAT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN STARTED AND HAS NOT



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BEEN PURSUED TO ITS COMPLETION. SO THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE PEOPLE SUBJECT TO THE PROTEST HEARING OR THE ELECTION BECOME DIFFERENT PEOPLE. NOT THE SAME PROPERTY OWNERS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: IF I MAY. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR PALMS ARE UP ON THIS AND THAT WE NOT INVITE ANY LEGAL CHALLENGES ONTO OUR OWN VULNERABILITY RELATED TO HAVING NOT PAID ATTENTION TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED. FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IF IN FACT WE WERE TO CLOSE THE HEARING, WHICH I THINK WOULD BE IN ORDER, THE FACT THAT WE ARE UNDER NO SPECIFIC TIME PRESSURE TO SET A DATE FOR AN ELECTION, I WOULD TRUST THAT THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE CAN HAVE OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS TO GET INPUT TO SHAPE WHAT WE MIGHT ULTIMATELY ADOPT BY WAY OF AN ORDINANCE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YEAH. AND THAT WAS MY -- I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT REMEMBERING THAT LITTLE SNIPPET. THAT WAS MY CONCERN, THAT WE CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER HEARING LIKE THIS IN 90 DAYS. AND THERE WILL BE ANOTHER SET OF ISSUES. AND THEN IT WILL GET PUT OVER INTO THE SUMMER. AND IT WILL KILL IT. IT WILL MOOT THE DEBATE. AND WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. SO WE CAN STILL KILL IT. IF THREE PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD, IF WE CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING AND CONTINUE IT 90 DAYS AS DON HAS SUGGESTED, HAVE A HEARING BUT ONE WOULD -- WHICH WOULD BE A CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC HEARING



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HERE AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER WE WANT TO PURSUE IT, NOT PURSUE IT, POSTPONE IT OR DEEP 6 IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: AND, FRANKLY, THE SAME ISSUES CAN BE RAISED IN THAT CONTEXT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ABSOLUTELY. THE ONLY THING THAT NOT CLOSING THE PROTEST HEARING DOES IS IT PUTS US IN A LEGAL VULNERABILITY THAT MAY START US ALL OVER AGAIN. THIS PROCESS HAS COST US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE MAILING ALONE AS I UNDERSTAND WAS A \$3 MILLION MAILING. ALL IN. AND IF WE COULD AVOID DOING THAT A SECOND TIME, I THINK IT WOULD BE WELL ADVISED. AND WE LOSE NOTHING BY IT OTHER THAN MINIMIZING THE LEGAL VULNERABILITY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: AND I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO ALLAY ANY CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT'S LOST WITH CLOSING THE PROTEST HEARING. I WOULD HOPE THAT IF IN FACT THERE IS CONSENSUS GARNERED TODAY THAT WE WOULD COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THE REVISED ORDINANCES, THAT WOULD SUFFICE. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE EXTENT WE DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, I'M PREPARED TO SPECIFY THAT AS A PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE BOARD WOULD ADOPT AND THAT WOULD BE KINDRED TO WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOTH SUPERVISOR



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ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. SIR.

SUP. KNABE: MY QUESTION WOULD BE TO COUNTY COUNSEL. I'VE WAVERING RIGHT NOW ON CLOSING THE PROTEST HEARING. I WANT TO MAKE SURE IN MY MOTION AND IN THE OTHER COMMENTS THAT EVERYONE'S MADE, THERE IS A POTENTIAL OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO WHAT'S BEFORE US AND WHAT'S BEEN PRESENTED. AND I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE PRECLUDED IN THAT 90-DAY PERIOD FROM -- I WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO SAY TO ME, I'VE ALREADY GOT A PROBLEM WITH SPENDING \$3 MILLION TO MAIL A PROTEST HEARING CHRISTMAS CARD. I DO NOT WANT THEM TO SAY TO ME, WELL YOU ALREADY CLOSED THE PROTEST HEARING, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT. I MEAN, WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF GIVING CREDITS, WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF A BALLOT, WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF A SUNSET DATE, ALL THOSE THINGS ARE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY. SO IF WE CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING TODAY, THE SIX ITEMS IN MY MOTION, CAN EVERY ONE OF THOSE -- I MEAN SHOULD THAT COME BACK? WITH THE PROTEST HEARING CLOSED? CAN WE IMPLEMENT THAT WITHOUT ANOTHER PROTEST HEARING?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: IT WOULD DEPEND, SUPERVISOR, ON THE SIGNIFICANCE AND MATERIALITY OF THE CHANGES TO THE OVERALL PROGRAM.

SUP. KNABE: YOU CAN SEE -- DON'T SAY IT DEPENDS. YOU CAN SEE



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THE SIX RIGHT HERE ON MY MOTION. SO ARE THOSE SIGNIFICANT? I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM KEEPING THE PROTEST HEARING OPEN IF THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW US TO LOOK AT THOSE THINGS. I DON'T WANT TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING AND SAY, "YOU CAN'T LOOK AT THESE THINGS," OR "YOU CAN'T DO IT."

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHY IF IN FACT WE ARE GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO REVISIONS, AND I THINK ALL OF US IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THERE MUST BE REDRAFTING OF THE ORDINANCE AS IT IS BEFORE US.

SUP. KNABE: WELL, BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: I, WELL I GET THAT. BUT IF IN FACT WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT CAN BE REDRAFTED, IF REVISIONS ARE APPROPRIATE, I DON'T KNOW WHY IT WOULD BE ASSUMED THAT ANYTHING WOULD BE OFF THE TABLE, PER SE. AND IT ESSENTIALLY REDUCES ITSELF TO THE REQUISITE VOTES FOR IT TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. IT COMES BACK. THE ONLY THING THAT I THINK THAT IS PROBLEMATIC ABOUT THE SIX ITEMS IS, NUMBER ONE, SUPERVISOR KNABE, BECAUSE THAT ESSENTIALLY EXTENDS THE PROTEST PERIOD. AND I THINK WHATEVER OBJECTIONS PEOPLE HAVE, THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE GIVE-AND-TAKE AND EXCHANGE INFORMALLY AND THEN ULTIMATELY FORMALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THIS QUESTION THAT YOU JUST RAISED.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IF WE HAD DECIDED TODAY THAT WE WERE READY TO VOTE ON THIS, WHAT WOULD WE HAVE DONE? WE WOULD HAVE CLOSED THE PROTEST HEARING, CORRECT?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE ALL PUT IN OUR AMENDMENTS. WE WOULD HAVE SAID WE'D LIKE A SUNSET DATE, WE'D LIKE THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER THING, SIX, TEN THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF THIS HEARING, CORRECT?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? I MEAN, I'M REALLY SURPRISED TO HEAR YOU SAY THIS, AND I'M NOT SURE YOU'VE SAID IT. BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IF WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TODAY AND DO THE SAME THING 45 DAYS FROM NOW OR 90 DAYS FROM NOW?



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THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: BIT WAIT A MINUTE. WE CAN DO THAT. CLOSE THE HEARING AND MAKE THE APPROPRIATE --

SUP. ANTONOVICH: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING THE HEARING?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: CLOSING THE PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING COMPLETES THIS PORTION OF THE PROCESS. IT ENDS THE THRESHOLD PART OF THE PROP. 218 PROCESS, WHICH IF THERE WAS OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE, THEN THE PROCESS CANNOT CONTINUE. IF THERE IS NOT A MAJORITY PROTEST, THEN THE PROCESS CAN CONTINUE. IT IS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF YOUR BOARD, HOWEVER, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ULTIMATELY YOU ARE GOING TO CALL AN ELECTION. IN TERMS OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S CONCERN OVER KEEPING THE PROTEST HEARING OPEN, THAT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. IN FACT, AND MY POINT WAS THAT IF THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT, MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE OVERALL PROGRAM, THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK TO SEE IF THAT WOULD REQUIRE STARTING A NEW PROCESS. BECAUSE THE PROTEST, THIS PROTEST HEARING WAS BASED UPON A CERTAIN PROPOSED PROGRAM. IF THAT PROGRAM MATERIALLY CHANGES, THEN YOU MAY NEED TO RESTART THE PROCESS. BUT KEEPING THE PROTEST HEARING OPEN WOULD NOT IMPACT THAT DECISION. BUT THAT DECISION REALLY CAN'T BE MADE UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THE PROPOSAL IS.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. KNABE: SO THEN WE CAN'T CLOSE IT?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: TODAY WE JUST RECEIVED FROM CALTRANS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THEY OPPOSE IT. AND THEY'RE SAYING THAT IT'S NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CALTRANS TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT. THEY JUST SENT -- THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE INFORMATION. THEY ARE OPPOSING IT. HOW MANY OTHERS HAVE NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION AND DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING IN THEIR BALLOT TO SAY NO? THEY GET A HOT DOG CONSULTING FIRM LOBBYIST TO GO OUT AND HUSTLE THE SCHOOLS AND HAVE ONE BALLOT BOX AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, TELL THE PEOPLE FROM CATALINA YOU CAN TAKE A BOAT OVER HERE AND DROP IT OR LOOK FOR AN ENVELOPE AND MAYBE MAIL IT BACK. WHEN WE SEND OUT AN ABSENTEE, OR I SHOULD SAY INFORMATION ON AN ELECTION, THERE'S 9 LANGUAGES YOU CAN CHECK OFF FOR A BALLOT IN YOUR LANGUAGE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT ON THIS ONE. THEY HAD ONE LITTLE, VERY SMALL LINE, FINE PRINT ABOUT SPANISH. BUT WHAT ABOUT DID YOU CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE OTHER VOTERS RELATIVE TO HAVING THAT INFORMATION IN THEIR LANGUAGE SO THEY COULD VOTE INTELLIGENTLY ON THIS ISSUE? SO THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T RECEIVE THE BALLOT, AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY DID NOT RECEIVE THIS. MY CHIEF OF STAFF DID NOT RECEIVE THIS MAILING.



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AND THERE ARE OTHERS THAT WE'VE HEARD WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THIS MAILING. SO THE RESULT THAT YOU'D BE ANNOUNCING IS A FLAWED SYSTEM. NOT EVERYBODY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF VOTING BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE IT. AND THOSE BECAUSE IT WAS A FLAWED SYSTEM FOR \$3 MILLION WHERE A MASS MAILING THAT PEOPLE GOT CONFUSED AND THREW AWAY IS NOT A FAIR TALLY THAT WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE TODAY WHEN YOU TALLY THE VOTES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: YOU CONFUSED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALTRANS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: I DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD BE A GOOD -- NO, NO, YOU DON'T WANT TO USE THAT AS YOUR TEST OF WHETHER OR NOT --

SUP. KNABE: I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE TO STICK BY MY MOTION OF 90 DAYS AND NOT CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANY LIMITATIONS TO WHAT WE CAN OR CAN'T DO. UP TO AND INCLUDING.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: SUPERVISOR, I DIDN'T MAKE MYSELF CLEAR. CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD NOT IMPACT ADDRESSING THE OTHER ISSUES IN YOUR MOTION. WHAT I AM TRYING TO CONVEY IS



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THAT IF IN FACT THE PROGRAM MATERIALLY CHANGED TO A POINT WHERE WE DETERMINED THAT WE SHOULD RESTART THE PROTEST PROCESS, THAT MIGHT NEED TO OCCUR. HOWEVER, KEEPING THE PROTEST PROCESS OPEN WOULD NOT RESOLVE THAT ISSUE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WOULD BE MATERIAL CHANGE.

MARK PESTRELLA: I THINK I COULD PROVIDE CLARIFICATION SIR.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: GO AHEAD.

MARK PESTRELLA: I THINK I CAN HELP TOM A LITTLE BIT. THE PROGRAM ITSELF, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE MEASURE WOULD NOT CHANGE. WE WOULD BE STILL TREATING FOR STORM WATER QUALITY, ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES. THAT WOULD NOT CHANGE. WHAT WOULD CHANGE, BASED ON THE MOTION, IS WE WOULD LOOK AT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AND HOW WE IMPLEMENT THAT MEASURE, THE SERVICE WE PROPOSE TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE SOLICITING WHETHER THEY WANT THE SERVICE. SO THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM. WE DON'T ENVISION THAT EVEN WITH ALL THE INPUT WE GOT TODAY AND THE INPUT WE'VE RECEIVED UP TO THIS POINT.

SUP. KNABE: I MEAN, YOU COULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT THAT YOU NEED



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SIGNIFICANTLY.

SUP. MOLINA: ABSOLUTELY. WHAT'S THE EXAMPLE? I DIDN'T HEAR IT.
DID YOU GIVE THE EXAMPLE?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: SUPERVISOR, AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE AN
INCREASE IN THE FEE.

SUP. MOLINA: WHICH YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IF YOU WAIVED ANYBODY
ELSE'S.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: NOT NECESSARILY.

SUP. MOLINA: IF IT'S UP 22 CENTS, IT'S AN INCREASE.

SUP. KNABE: BUT IF IT'S DOWN 35.

SUP. MOLINA: IT WOULD BE CHANGE.

SUP. KNABE: NEW HEARING? I MEAN IF THE AMOUNT IS REDUCED BASED
UPON PROJECTS -- EXCUSE ME? (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

SUP. MOLINA: I UNDERSTAND.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: A REDUCTION IN THE FEE WOULD NOT BE



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PROBLEMATIC. AN INCREASE IN THE PROPOSED FEE AMOUNT FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE THAT IS A PART OF THE NOTICE THAT THEY RECEIVED FOR THE PROTEST HEARING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I WOULD RECOMMEND THEN IF THERE AREN'T SUFFICIENT VOTES TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING THAT WE -- THAT YOU WOULD ENTERTAIN THAT THE 90 DAYS BE CUT BACK TO 60 DAYS, SO AT LEAST IT GIVES US SOME CUSHION, SOME FLEXIBILITY, GOING LATER INTO THE SPRING.

SUP. KNABE: NOT CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING BUT WE CAN REDUCE 90 TO 60 DAYS SO YOU DO HAVE A SHOT AT IT, BUT WE STILL CAN DO IT UP OR DOWN.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT WOULD MAKE ME MORE COMFORTABLE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER IS BEFORE US.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I JUST? I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE INVITE THE STAFF. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO DO OR ANYTHING ELSE? BEFORE WE DO IT?



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GAIL FARBER: I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AGREE THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION ABOUT TODAY'S PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING. AND AS OUR STAFF LAID OUT IN THE BEGINNING AS COUNTY COUNSEL LAID OUT IN THE BEGINNING, THIS IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS. OUR STAFF MOVED FORWARD, DIRECTED BY THE BOARD IN JULY, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH STEP 1 WITH A MAILED BALLOT IN ORDER TO BRING FORTH THIS PROTEST HEARING, WORKING CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WORKING WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, WORKING WITH THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND ALL OUR COUNTY FAMILY PARTNERS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT OUTREACH, ALSO DIRECTED US TO OUTREACH IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOLS AND MANY OF THESE THINGS. WE FEEL WE'VE COMPLIED WITH THE LETTER OF THE LAW. WE'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH RESPECT TO BEING RESPONSIVE, TO DOING AS MUCH OUTREACH AS POSSIBLE. WE AREN'T DONE, AS YOU'VE MENTIONED. WE STILL OWE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH STEP 2, WITH A DRAFT ORDINANCE WHICH OUTLINES A LOT OF THESE, THAT ADDRESSES A LOT OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE'RE HEARING AND THE INPUT WITH RESPECT TO SUNSET CLAUSE WITH RESPECT TO CREDITS, WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHOOLS, WITH RESPECT TO BUSINESSES AND ALL THEIR INTERESTS. WE'VE BEEN MEETING DAILY AND REGULARLY. AND WE DO HAVE -- WE DO BELIEVE WE WILL BE READY IN THE NEXT 45 DAYS OR SO WITH A DRAFT ORDINANCE THAT WE CAN PUT OUT THERE FOR PRIME TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT. IT DOES COME BACK TO THE BOARD.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: INCLUDING WITH THE COMMENTS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THE VARIOUS MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE?

GAIL FARBER: CORRECT. INCLUDING WHAT'S CONTAINED IN YOUR MOTIONS WITH RESPECT --

SUP. KNABE: INCLUDING THE BALLOT BOX VERSUS A MAIL-IN BALLOT?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S OUR DECISION TO MAKE.

GAIL FARBER: RIGHT. THAT GETS CONSIDERED BY YOUR BOARD ON HOW YOU WISH TO PROCEED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND INCLUDING AN OPPOSITION STATEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC?

GAIL FARBER: WELL, IT DEPENDS ON WHICH WAY THE BOARD --

SUP. ANTONOVICH: SO YOU ARE TRYING TO PUT IN A BALLOT WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO PUT AN OPPOSITION STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED AS YOU DO WITH ANY OTHER BALLOT PROPOSITION. SO IT WAS A ONE-SIDED PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT A PRO AND CON STATEMENT ON ANY BALLOT WHERE YOU ARE REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN FEES.



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GAIL FARBER: AND AGAIN THAT'S THE PROP 218 QUESTION ABOUT WHAT'S THE COUNTY PRACTICE, OF WHICH I WOULD DEFER TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL ON WHAT HAD TO BE OBTAINED IN THE MAILING.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THAT SHOULD BE A PRACTICE REGARDLESS. THAT SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY TO HAVE PUBLIC INPUT ON BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE IF WE'RE GOING TO ASK TO VOTE FOR A TAX INCREASE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE CHAIR WISHES FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD SPECIFY WHAT'S BEFORE US AFTER SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS BEEN HEARD.

SUP. MOLINA: THANK YOU, SIR.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES, MA'AM.

SUP. MOLINA: YOU KNOW, I HAVE SAT HERE THROUGH ALL OF IT AND I HAVE BEEN WATCHING THIS THING FOR A WHILE. AND I'M AS TORN AS PROBABLY ANYONE WITH REGARD TO THIS SITUATION. I UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO. I JUST DON'T THINK THAT WHERE WE'RE GOING IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ONE OF



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THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PEOPLE THAT REPRESENT OTHER FOLKS IS THAT WE HAVE UNBELIEVABLE DECISIONS TO MAKE. AND AS WE MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, WE HAVE TO BE AS INFORMED AS POSSIBLE. AND I THINK WE SHOULD FEEL PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR DECISIONS. I HAVE COLLEAGUES HERE THAT WOULDN'T VOTE A TAX ON A GOOD DAY WITH EVERYTHING WELL DONE. AND THERE ARE OTHERS THAT, YOU KNOW, WOULD BECAUSE IF THEY FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THE ISSUE. I AM HESITANT. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH OUR TAXES, STARTING WAY BACK BEFORE MR. JARVIS GOT INVOLVED WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES IS SOMEHOW WE'RE NOT LEVELING WITH THE PUBLIC. I THINK EVERYBODY RESPECTS -- CAN RESPECT GOVERNMENT. I THINK EVERYBODY CAN RESPECT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROPERTY TAXES AND ALL THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH IT. AND YOU CAN EVEN RESPECT THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE LEGISLATURE, WITH REGULATORY BOARDS LIKE THE WATER BOARD AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE COURTS HAVE PLACED ON ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY TO CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT SOMEWHERE IN THAT PROCESS THIS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER -- AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL -- TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO PROBABLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE POLITICAL ISSUES ARE HERE. AND IF THEY DID, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW BY TODAY'S EVENTS. I WAS AS TROUBLED AS ANYONE BY THE MAILER. I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT DID THROW IT OUT IN MY JUNK MAIL. I WENT LOOKING FOR IT. AND SO I FOUND IT AMONGST MY MOTHER'S THINGS, WHO SAVES



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EVERYTHING AND TRIES TO READ EVERYTHING. BUT WHEN I ASKED HER ABOUT IT, SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS BECAUSE SHE READS IN SPANISH. AND I WAS TROUBLED BY THAT PART OF IT. SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY THEY MADE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW THIS WAS GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT. AND VERY, VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION WITH MY COLLEAGUES HERE BECAUSE I KNOW THEY WERE EQUALLY AS SURPRISED BY SOME OF THESE THINGS. I STILL AM NOT EVEN SURE, WHEN I READ SOME OF IT ABOUT THE SCHOOLS PROTESTING THIS, YOU KNOW, I'M AS ANGRY AS ANYONE. WE DON'T WANT THE SCHOOLS TO PAY MORE. BUT THE SCHOOLS ARE MAJOR POLLUTERS. LET'S FACE IT. YOU EVEN MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEM TO SAY, OKAY, WE'LL WAIVE THE FEE IF YOU'LL GET INVOLVED IN SOME PROACTIVE EDUCATION. THEY SAID "NO, WE'RE BUSY, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT." RIGHT? SO IT TROUBLES ME THAT NOT EVERYBODY WANTS TO HOLD UP THEIR PART OF THE SKY. AND THE REALITY IS: SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I THINK POLITICAL PEOPLE OR SOME PEOPLE WERE MORE POLITICAL THAN I MAY THINK AND CREATED THIS MECHANISM. AND I'M TROUBLED BY THAT. I'M TROUBLED BY IT GREATLY ON MANY LEVELS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING CLEAN THE WATER. I MEAN I'VE ASKED A COUPLE OF TIMES AS TO WHAT CITIES WILL DO. I THINK OTHERS HAVE. I MEAN, THERE'S A GUY THAT SAYS YOU JUST CHASE AROUND DOGS AND COLLECT POOP AND D.N.A. IT. AND THAT MIGHT BE A SOLUTION, I DON'T KNOW. IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T SOUND REASONABLE. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, I'M SAYING WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES? THERE ARE FINES. AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE'S GOING TO BE FINES. I ASKED



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EARLIER WHAT THE QUESTION WAS GOING TO BE AND WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO -- WELL THEY HAVEN'T DECIDED THAT AS YET. THE CITIES ARE COMING IN AND PROTESTING. THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE PROTESTING. VERY TROUBLESOME. VERY TROUBLESOME. BECAUSE YOU THINK THE CITIES WOULD RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND AS I AM BEING TOLD, BUT MAYBE NOBODY'S TOLD THEM THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE MAJOR FINES THAT THE CITIES WILL PAY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO PAY THEM. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ISN'T GOING TO PAY THEM. NOW THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY WE WILL PAY. BUT THE CITY OF L.A. IS NOT GOING TO PAY FOR BURBANK. NOT PAYING FOR ROSEMEAD, MARGARET. THOSE CITIES WILL HAVE TO PAY THOSE FINES. BUT WHAT I'M TROUBLED BY IS IF THEY DON'T KNOW THAT OR THEY DON'T SEEM TO KNOW THAT. AND IF THEY DO KNOW IT AND STILL OPPOSE IT, THEN I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THAT, AS WELL. BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO PAY ONE MORE DOLLAR FOR PROPERTY TAXES AND NO ONE WANTS TO SPEND ONE MORE DOLLAR FOR GOVERNMENT IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING. RIGHT NOW WE CLEARLY DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING. IT HASN'T BEEN WELL-DEFINED. I WISH IT WERE. THERE'S A POOL OF MONEY THAT'S BEEN ASKED FOR AND THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF -- BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO BE UTILIZED. IT'S SORT OF LIKE APPROVING A BUDGET THAT'S ENDLESS WITHOUT EVER KNOWING WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO. I AM TROUBLED BY SO MANY ASPECTS OF THIS. AND I JUST REALLY BELIEVE THIS IS NOT READY. I MEAN, WHEN I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT WHY NOT ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER WHO'S ALREADY INVESTED IN ALL HIS



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RESPONSIBILITIES AND PAYS FOR WATER TREATMENT AND HAS A REQUIREMENT UNDER HIS PROPERTY, WHY ISN'T HE -- THEY SAID, "WELL, WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET." WELL WHAT'S TAKEN SO LONG? ALL OF THESE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND NOW WE'RE BEING PUT IN A 60, EVEN 90 DAY? AND IT'S JUST THERE ARE SO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. FOLKS, I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU, I AM USUALLY ONE THAT PRACTICALLY WILL CLOSE MY EYES TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE BECAUSE I SUPPORT IT SO MUCH, BUT THIS ONE IS JUST, I CAN'T. I JUST CANNOT. IT JUST SEEMS AS THOUGH -- [APPLAUSE.] -- WE NEED TO EDUCATE EVERYONE ABOUT THIS AND TELL THEM WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES -- CITIES DON'T WANT TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY, THEN THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEN THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE FINED IN THOSE CITIES. CITY OF BELL HAS NO WAY OF PAYING FOR THIS, OKAY? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO. THEY HAVE A JOB TO DO. I CAN'T EDUCATE EVERYONE. YOU CAN'T EDUCATE EVERYONE. BUT THERE HAS GOT TO BE A BETTER PARTNERSHIP HERE. BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET A PROPERTY TAX, WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO LOSING. AND I JUST THINK THAT SOME PEOPLE WOULD JUST LIKE TO GET IT ON THE BALLOT, DO IT AND LET'S GET IT OUT OF THE WAY. AND IF IT WINS, IT WINS, IF IT DOESN'T WIN, SO WHAT? AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE HEALTHY FOR US. SO WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT TO DO. I THINK THERE WERE A LOT OF BALLS DROPPED ALONG THE WAY. AND WE ALL HAVE TO TAKE SOME OWNERSHIP OF IT, INCLUDING MYSELF. AND I JUST THINK NOW THAT WE'RE HERE ON THIS DAY, THERE ARE SO MANY



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UNTIED ISSUES HERE, SO MANY PROPOSALS THAT ARE UNDONE AND UNCLEAR. SO MANY ANSWERS THAT ARE NOT CLEAR. AND I'M ONE OF THOSE WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS CLEARLY, I LOSE MY FAITH AND MY TRUST. AND SO THAT'S WHERE I'M AT NOW. SO I REALLY THINK -- I DON'T KNOW THE APPROPRIATE GOLF TERM, IS IT A MULLIGAN, DON? I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DO. BUT WE START OVER, WE DO OVER. THIS JUST DOESN'T WORK FOR ME NOW.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO --

SUP. ANTONOVICH: CHAIRMAN, LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. THE COUNTY IS SUING THE STATE RELATIVE TO THE UNFUNDED MANDATE OF THIS PROJECT. AND IT'S IN THE COURTS. CAN YOU GIVE US A STATUS WHERE IT IS?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: WE ARE IN THE APPELLATE COURT. WE ARE IN THE BRIEFING STAGE. WHAT WE'RE SUING OVER IS TEST CASES THAT HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES. THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES MADE A RULING. THE STATE SUED OVER THAT. AND WE'VE GONE THROUGH TRIAL COURT. AND NOW WE'RE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND A RULING ON THAT IS GOING TO BE WITHIN



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THE NEXT 60 DAYS? 90 DAYS?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: NO. IT'S HARD TO SAY WHEN THE COURT OF APPEALS IS GOING TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE BUT WE'RE AT THE END OF THE BRIEFING.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: YOU'RE AT THE END OF THE BRIEFING.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THEY HAVEN'T EVEN SET THE HEARING YET. SO IT MAY BE MANY MONTHS OFF.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: OKAY. BUT IF THE COURTS RULE IN THE FAVOR OF THE COUNTY, THEN ARE WE STILL BEING REQUIRED TO PLACE AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON THE BALLOT?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: WELL, WHAT THAT DOES IS WE'VE PUT FORTH TWO TEST CASES. AND SO TWO OF THESE REGULATIONS WE SAID THESE ARE UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES. SO THEY ARE JUST TWO OF MANY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: BUT VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THIS IS ONE THAT IMPACTS.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: IT POTENTIALLY SETS A PRECEDENT.



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: RIGHT SO WOULD WE NEED THIS PARCEL TAX IF WE PREVAIL IN THE COURT?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: YES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: WE WOULD STILL NEED THE TAX?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WE WOULD NOT GET OUT OF ALL --

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO, NO. IF THE COURT RULED IN OUR FAVOR, WOULD WE STILL NEED THE PARCEL TAX?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THE QUESTION WOULD BE THEN GOING BACK TO THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES, WHICH OF THE REGULATIONS THEY WOULD DETERMINE TO BE UNFUNDED MANDATES AND WHICH WOULD NOT BE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THIS UNFUNDED MANDATE IS BECAUSE WE'RE NOW BEING ASKED TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: IT WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO ALL -- THIS DECISION WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO ALL OF THE REGULATIONS. ARE THERE ARE SOME REGULATIONS THAT ARE FEDERAL



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AND SOME WOULD BE DETERMINED TO NOT BE UNFUNDED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IS THE REGULATION THAT IS BEING IMPOSED ON THE COUNTY BY THE WATER QUALITY BOARD A STATE MANDATE?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: MOST OF IT IS FEDERAL.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IT'S ALL FEDERAL?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: MOST OF IT. BUT THERE ARE STATE MANDATES. AND WE HAVE PUT FORTH TEST CASES ASSERTING THAT THERE ARE OTHER METHODS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE PORTION OF THE STATE MANDATE, IF WE PREVAIL, YOU HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE THAT WOULD REDUCE THE FEDERAL SHARE OF THE MANDATE?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: IT POTENTIALLY REDUCES THE STATE SHARE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: RIGHT. BUT IT'S THE SHARE THAT WE WOULD BE PASSING ON TO THE TAXPAYERS, RIGHT?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SUPERVISOR, WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MOST OF THE PERMIT IS FEDERALLY MANDATED AND NOT SUBJECT TO



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REIMBURSEMENT. SO EVEN IF WE WON AS MUCH AS WE COULD, ONLY A PORTION OF THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS COULD BE REIMBURSED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: BUT THE STATE PORTION WE WOULD THEN BE REIMBURSED FOR, WOULD WE THEREFORE HAVE THE ABILITY TO REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT THAT WE WERE LEVYING ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS?

SPEAKER: POTENTIALLY, ALTHOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE THE AMOUNT THAT'S BEING PROPOSED WOULD EVEN COVER ALL OF THE PERMITS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: IT MAY NOT COVER ALL, BUT IT WOULD COVER A PORTION. DO WE HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE THAT WOULD REDUCE THAT ASSESSMENT THAT WE WOULD BE LEVYING?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: CURRENTLY UNDER THE DRAFT ORDINANCE, THERE IS A MECHANISM TO REFUND UNUSED FUNDS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO, NO. NOT UNUSED FUNDS. BUT THE FUNDS NOT NEEDED BECAUSE THE STATE IS NOW GOING TO REIMBURSE US. NOT TALKING ABOUT SURPLUS FUNDS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FUNDS NO LONGER REQUIRED BECAUSE THE STATE WILL NOW PAY A PORTION.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THE FEE THAT IS PROPOSED IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL OF THE COSTS CONTEMPLATED BY



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COMPLIANCE WITH OUR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. SO I WOULD BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE, BASED ON A DETERMINATION OF UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: REALLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THIS IS A FOOT IN THE DOOR. WE CAN INCREASE THESE FEES AS HIGH AS WE WANT.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THE FEE IS SUBJECT TO VOTER OR PROPERTY OWNER APPROVAL AND IT CANNOT BE INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROVAL.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: FIRST OF ALL, ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY IF THE STATE'S GOING TO REIMBURSE US BECAUSE WE PREVAIL IN THE COURTS, THEN THAT PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT WILL BE REDUCED COMMENSURATE TO THAT LEVEL. IT'S JUST YES OR NO?

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: YOUR BOARD COULD CERTAINLY DO THAT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO, NO, NO. YES OR NO?

SUP. MOLINA: THAT'S NOT WHAT HE'S ASKING. IF THE COURT SAYS WE'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, THAT MAKES US LESS RESPONSIBLE FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT'S CORRECT.



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SUP. MOLINA: SO WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY THE BIGGER --

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. MOLINA: IT WOULD REDUCE IT. I'M NOT PUTTING WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH. I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO ANSWER HIS QUESTION.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: THAT WOULD REDUCE THE COSTS OF SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PERMIT BUT NOT ALL. SO IT WOULD BE A DETERMINATION OF YOUR BOARD, CERTAINLY YOU COULD REDUCE THE FEE IF YOU WISHED. THE VOTER APPROVAL OF IT IS AT A MAXIMUM AMOUNT. THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT YOUR BOARD FROM REDUCING IT IF YOU DETERMINED THAT LESS FUNDING IS NEEDED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: YOU COULD HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE SAYING THAT WE COULD REDUCE THE FEE COMMENSURATE TO THE AMOUNT THAT THE STATE IS NOW REIMBURSING THE COUNTY FOR THAT MANDATE.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: YOU COULD INCLUDE A MECHANISM TO DO THAT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, THAT'S ALL. OKAY.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF THERE'S NO FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT IN TIME, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD --

SUP. ANTONOVICH: COULD YOU DIVIDE THE QUESTION?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: CALL THE ROLL ON THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US AS --

SUP. MOLINA: THERE'S THREE MOTIONS.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ACTUALLY WE HAVE THREE MOTIONS ON THE TABLE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: BUT ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, IF YOU COULD DIVIDE THOSE SIX POINTS.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: DIVIDE THE SIX POINTS? SO YOU WANT TO ACTUALLY TAKE UP FIRST --

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ON ITEM NO. 2 I WOULD WANT TO OPPOSE. FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT NOT EVERYBODY RECEIVED A BALLOT TO TURN IN, AND THE BALLOT WHERE WE ASKED PEOPLE TO TURN IT IN WAS LOCATED IN A DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES LOCATION WHICH DISCRIMINATED AGAINST PEOPLE FROM WRIGHTWOOD, FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE SANTA



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CLARITA VALLEY, CATALINA.

SUP. KNABE: THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I HAVE IT ON THERE. YOU CAN BIFURCATE IF YOU WANT, BUT THE REASON I PUT IT ON THERE IS BECAUSE I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. AND THAT HAS TO BE AN OPTION WITH A BALLOT. IT DIDN'T. IT SAYS AT LEAST MAKE IT AN OPTION BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS MAILED DURING THE HOLIDAYS. BECAUSE OF THE FACT IT LOOKED LIKE JUNK MAIL. BECAUSE OF THE FACT PEOPLE DIDN'T GET IT OR PAY ATTENTION. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I HAVE NUMBER 2 ON THERE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE WAY I READ IT IS YOU WANT TO PLACE IT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION IF THERE'S NO MAJORITY PROTEST. YOU'RE SAYING HAVE ANOTHER BALLOT.

SUP. KNABE: YEAH, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO EXCLUDE THAT. THE REALITY IS YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE CLOSE TO MAJORITY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: SO WE'RE THROWING OUT THE OLD VOTE BECAUSE IT WASN'T --

SUP. KNABE: WELL, WE DON'T KNOW. THE REALITY IS IT'S NOT EVEN GOING TO BE CLOSE. SO I WANT THEM TO LOOK AT THE PUTTING ON A GENERAL BALLOT. IT'S AN OPTION.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT MEMBERS, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? SHALL WE PROCEED? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU STILL WISH TO OPT OUT ON ITEM NO. 2? WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I WOULD SUPPORT IT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION IF IT WAS GOING TO BE PASSED BY THE BOARD FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.

SUP. KNABE: WE HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION AT SOME POINT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WE'LL MAKE THAT IN 60 DAYS.

SUP. KNABE: WE'LL MAKE THAT IN 60 DAYS. THAT'S WHY I WANT IT ON THERE AS AN OPTION.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MATTER IS BEFORE US.

SUP. KNABE: I'LL MOVE IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: IT HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'LL SECOND IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MR.



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CHAIRMAN, THAT INCLUDES THE INPUT THAT I GAVE AND THAT YOU GAVE? IT'S ALL SUBSUMED IN THE KNABE MOTION?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: YES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THEN LET'S PROCEED TO A ROLL CALL ON THAT ITEM.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SO ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, THIS IS TO CONTINUE --

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S 60 DAYS, RIGHT?

SUP. KNABE: RIGHT I CHANGED IT TO 60 DAYS AND I ADDED COUNTY COUNSEL.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. YOU MAY PROCEED WITH YOUR DUTIES, MA'AM. AND THOSE WHO WISH TO INTERFERE WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE THEM ACCORDINGLY. [LAUGHTER.]

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THANK YOU. AGAIN THIS IS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST PROCESS AS AMENDED FOR 60 DAYS AND WITH THE FOLLOWING REPORT BACK. THERE ARE SIX ITEMS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ALSO ADDED TWO ADDITIONAL ITEMS, ONE WAS FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO ALSO LOOK AT



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WAYS -- AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO LOOK ON WAYS ON HOW TO CREDIT ANY PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MAY HAVE ALREADY INVESTED MONEY IN CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES. AND ALSO ONCE AN ORDINANCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, IT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD BEFORE IT GOES OUT TO A VOTE. SO THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? THIS IS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION? TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST PROCESS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YES.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

SUP. KNABE: AYE.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: [SILENCE.]

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO REPEAT WHAT'S BEFORE YOU?



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NO. BUT THERE IS A VULNERABILITY THAT I'M UNDERSTANDING THAT ATTACHES TO ITEM NO. 1 HERE ACCORDING TO COUNTY COUNSEL IN TERMS OF THE ONLINE PROTESTS. AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO PROCEED WITH THAT BEING AN ISSUE THAT WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED. YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW IF AN ONLINE PROTEST OPTION IS FEASIBLE. THERE'S -- PROP 218 REQUIRES THAT THERE BE WRITTEN PROTESTS SUBMITTED. SO I BELIEVE THERE'S NO LEGAL PROHIBITION AGAINST EMAILING PROTESTS, SO LONG AS SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS ARE INCORPORATED.

SUP. KNABE: YEAH. BECAUSE YOU ALSO RULED EIGHT DAYS AGO, NOT YOU, BUT INDICATED THAT IT'S POSSIBILITY TO DO IT. SO WHY DON'T WE JUST CHANGE IT AND ADD A FEASIBILITY?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: TO THE EXTENT THAT IT'S FEASIBLE, RIGHT.

SUP. KNABE: A FEASIBILITY. CHANGE THE WORD TO FEASIBILITY OF AN ONLINE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: LEGALLY AND PRACTICALLY FEASIBLE.

SUP. KNABE: BECAUSE IT MAY NOT BE PRACTICAL AT THIS POINT. BUT



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I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT IT. FEASIBILITY.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: WE CAN CERTAINLY REPORT BACK ON THAT. BUT I WANTED TO JUST BE CLEAR THAT IF THE PROPOSAL, IF THE MOTION IS TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST HEARING TO ANOTHER DATE, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE AN EMAIL PROTEST OPTION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WE JUST WANT YOU TO COME BACK WITH A FEASIBILITY REPORT ON WHETHER IT CAN BE DONE LEGALLY AND PRACTICALLY.

THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL: WE CAN DO THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YOU ARE NOT BEING DIRECTED TO DO IT BUT TO GET BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THAT CAN BE DONE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ITEM IS BEFORE US AND WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH THAT CLARIFICATION.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS I NEED YOUR VOTE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WELL. AYE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I JUST --



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: NO, NO. LET'S COMPLETE THE ROLL CALL.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THE MOTION CARRIES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE YOU HAVE ALREADY SOUGHT THE VOTE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SHE VOTED NO.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SHE VOTED NO.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: PROCEED.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: CAN WE ASK A PROCEDURAL QUESTION? CAN WE IDENTIFY THE DATE, 60 DAYS --

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: WELL, WE STILL HAVE TWO OTHER MOTIONS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WELL, I KNOW WE DO. BUT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DON'S MOTION?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: 60 DAYS FROM TODAY?



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WOULD BE ABOUT MARCH 19 IS THE WAY I LOOK AT IT.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THE HEARING OF PROBABLY MARCH 12. MARCH 12?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WOULD YOU MAKE THAT THE DATE SO PEOPLE WOULD KNOW?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: PROCEED, PLEASE.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SO WE'LL SAY MARCH 12. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT MOTION THAT'S ON THE TABLE IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER TAX. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. MOLINA: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

SUP. KNABE: AYE.



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SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THAT MOTION FAILS TO CARRY. THE LAST ITEM BEFORE YOU IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO REPORT BACK ON THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE \$162 MILLION OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND LOOK AT OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. KNABE: COULD WE JUST CLARIFY, PROBABLY YOU ROLLED THAT INTO MINE BECAUSE ITEM 6 OF MINE IS BASICALLY THE SAME THING. IS TO LOOK AT OTHER MECHANISMS, WHETHER IT BE REDEVELOPMENT?

SUP. MOLINA: HE SAID USE THAT MONEY. THAT'S A DIFFERENT MOTION.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: HE SAID THE FEASIBILITY OF USING A PORTION --



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SUP. KNABE: BUT MINE BASICALLY ASKS TO DO THE SAME THING BUT ALL OPTIONS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THE ITEM IS BEFORE US ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. CALL THE ROLL.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. MOLINA: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

SUP. KNABE: NO.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ABSTAIN. ALL RIGHT.



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SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. THAT ESSENTIALLY
OVERS ALL THE ISSUES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: COULD WE INCLUDE THIS IN THE ADJOURNMENT
MOTIONS?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: YES. THINK WE JUST DID. THANK
YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THE BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO BE
CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NO. 40. MEMBERS AND LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN OF THE PUBLIC, NOW THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HERE ON
ITEM NO. 40, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE AT THIS POINT, WE
NEED YOU TO ENDURE THE BALANCE OF THIS MEETING. OF COURSE YOU
WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. WE'RE GOING TO
HAVE A FULL-ON THREE-HOUR PRESENTATION ON THAT. NOW LET ME
TEST YOUR COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
[LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. GIVE
YOURSELVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HAVING BEEN HERE AND
PARTICIPATED AS WELL AS YOU HAVE. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, SO WE
HAVE THREE ITEMS REMAINING, AND THEY ARE ITEMS --

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE ARE FOUR ITEMS
REMAINING. PERHAPS WE COULD START WITH ITEM NO. 9?



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ITEM 9? WE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 9 PERTAINING TO IT BEING CALLED BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. WE HAVE SINCE RESOLVED ANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES. UNLESS THERE IS ANY OBJECTIONS, THEN WE CALL A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN TERMS OF THE ADOPTION OF NO. 9.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THANK YOU. SO ITEM NO. -- THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, A DISCUSSION ITEM, I BELIEVE IT WAS ITEM NO. 38, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THAT WITH ITEM NO. 3.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ITEM NO. 3 AND 39?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: 39. EXCUSE ME. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 39 IS BEFORE US.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: AND NO. 3.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: IN TANDEM WITH ITEM NO. 3. THOSE TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 39 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. 3 AND 39.



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SUP. MOLINA: CAN WE CONTINUE THIS? WE'RE NOT GOING TO HEAR THIS REPORT ARE WE?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: OH, YEAH, WE'RE GOING THE HEAR IT.

SUP. MOLINA: OKAY, BECAUSE I'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ON SECOND THOUGHT, ON SECOND THOUGHT, I HAVE JUST BEEN PERSUADED BY -- [LAUGHTER.]

SUP. MOLINA: HE'S GOT A POWER POINT AND EVERYTHING.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE? THERE'S A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT WE CONTINUE THIS ITEM.

SUP. MOLINA: JUST FOR ONE WEEK.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: FOR ONE WEEK. AND THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA TO CLOSED SESSION AS THERE ARE SOME PRESSING ITEMS.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: ITEM 3 AND 38 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, BUT THERE IS --



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: 39.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: EXCUSE ME. 39. AND THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL ITEM, ITEM NO. 38 AND THIS WAS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SERGEANT, WILL YOU CAUSE THE ROOM TO COME TO ORDER? AND ANYONE WHO IS NOT COOPERATING, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. (GAVEL). THANK YOU.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: AGAIN, ITEM NO. 38 IS STILL BEFORE THIS BOARD AS A DISCUSSION ITEM. THE C.E.O. HAS A REPORT REGARDING IT?

SUP. MOLINA: 38 IS WHAT NOW?

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE'LL CONTINUE THIS ITEM.

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: WE CAN. BUT WE HAD SUBMITTED INFORMATION ON THE LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY WE HAVE FOR THAT, BUT WE CAN CONTINUE IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. THEN WITHOUT



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OBJECTION --

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: EXCUSE ME?

SUP. KNABE: IT'S NOT? OKAY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: UNLESS THERE'S AN URGENCY THAT ATTACHES TO THIS, I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE ITEM TO NEXT WEEK, SO THAT WOULD BE 3, 38 AND 39 CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK. THAT'S BEFORE US UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: THANK YOU. THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO SIGNED UP. I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'RE STILL HERE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT.

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: YOU ALSO MAY WANT TO GO THROUGH YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ANYONE WISHING TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. ADJOURNING MOTIONS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE? SUPERVISOR



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YAROSLAVSKY FIRST, THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. ALLEN S. BURSK, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR COUNTY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. BORN IN CHICAGO, ATTENDED U.C.L.A. I WON'T GO THROUGH THE WHOLE BIOGRAPHY HERE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 37 YEARS, SUSAN BURSK, WHO IS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CENTURY CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND HE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY TWO SONS. ALLAN JONAS, SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW ALLAN. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. PASSED AWAY JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. HE WAS THE OWNER OWNER/OPERATOR OF JONAS & ASSOCIATES, A PIONEER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPER IN THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA AND GENERAL PARTNER FOR MORE THAN 50 CURRENT INVESTMENT PROPERTIES. HE TOOK A LEAVE FROM HIS BUSINESS TO SERVE GOVERNOR PAT BROWN AS DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA DISASTER OFFICE, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SERVICES FOR NATURAL OR WAR-CAUSED CATASTROPHES IN THE STATE. FOR MANY DECADES HE SHARED HIS EXPERTISE AND DEVOTED HIS TIME IN CIVIC AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. HE WAS A LONGTIME BOARD MEMBER OF CHILDREN NOW AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING L.A.'S BEST IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HE WAS ALSO A STRONG SUPPORTER OF PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION K.C.E.T., THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION AND AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION, U.C.L.A. JOHNSON CANCER CENTER AND



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L.A. MUSIC CENTER OPERA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY JONAS, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. A VERY PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY LEADER. JEFF MCINTYRE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56, COMPLICATIONS FROM DIABETES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PATRICIA HOLLERAN; THREE CHILDREN, HENRY, JACK, AND ELLIE; HIS BROTHER, DOUG, A RADIO PERSONALITY ON K.A.B.C. RADIO AND "DAILY NEWS" COLUMNIST; AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. FINALLY, JIMMY O'NEIL, A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND POPULAR TOP 40 RADIO DISC JOCKEY AND T.V. PERSONALITY IN THE 1960S PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. HE IS SURVIVED BY A SON, JAMES; AND DAUGHTER, CATHERINE O'NEIL; TWO STEPCHILDREN, MEGAN RHODE AND ROBIN FINKLESTEIN; THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S IT.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

SUP. KNABE: YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS, AS WELL. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES HATHAWAY OF MARINA DEL REY WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 86. I WOULD ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME. HE WAS A VERY PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COMMUNITY. FOURTH-GENERATION RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. MANY OF US KNOW OF THE LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB AND THE CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB AS WELL AS THE OWNERSHIP PREVIOUSLY OF RIVIERA. HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AS AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC AND MACHINE GUNNER, NAVY



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AIR CORPS GRADUATED FROM PRINCIPIA COLLEGE WHERE HE MET AND MARRIED HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS, PAT. HE ACHIEVED A MASTER'S DEGREE AT MICHIGAN STATE. 40 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB AND ITS ALLIED CLUBS. HIS PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT WAS LEADING THE REFOUNDING OF THE CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB IN 1961 AFTER THE YACHT CLUB WAS SHUTTERED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD DURING WORLD WAR II. CHARLES, ALONG WITH A SMALL HANDFUL OF OTHER BUSINESSES TOOK A RISK BY SUBLEASING SOME SPACE ON THE DUSTY FLATS OF MARINA DEL REY. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS EPIC ADVENTURES, WAS A COURAGEOUS SEAMAN, FITNESS BUFF, AND HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY HE PIONEERED ROWING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BY COMPLETING THE FIRST KNOWN CROSSING FROM CATALINA ISLAND TO MARINA DEL REY. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS, CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CENTRAL CITIES ASSOCIATION, WAS A SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS UNDER RONALD REAGAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY SIBLINGS, FRANK, BARBARA, SYLVIA, A LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY INCLUDING HIS WIFE, PATRICIA; THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, STEVE, REBECCA, TOM, SALLY, ROBIN AND THEIR SPOUSES, AS WELL. AND 13 GRANDCHILDREN. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HATHAWAY FAMILY. I JUST GOT WORD TODAY THAT A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND WORKED FOR PARKS IN THE '50S AND '60S, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT, GLORIA HEER, WHO HAS A PARK NAMED AFTER HER. SHE BECAME A COMMISSIONER UNDER PETE



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SCHABARUM AND RECOGNIZED FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION BY NAMING THAT PARK AFTER HER IN 1984. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, WARREN; DAUGHTER, LINDA; SON, GEORGE; AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY TEBRICH, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE -- WAS BORN ON JUNE 27, 1920, AND JUST PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, JEANNETTE; HER HUSBAND, JEFF; AND A SON, MICHAEL; AND WIFE, DEBBIE. PROUD GRANDFATHER. INCREDIBLE LIFE STORY FROM THE BOWELS OF GERMANY AND THE NAZI CAMPS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PETE SEERDSMA WHO PASSED AWAY IN ARTESIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54 YEARS, JOAN; THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, MARIA, THERESA, CONNIE, DIANA AND PETE III. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDA CHURCH, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH. VERY ACTIVE AS A HEAD START TEACHER, VERY ACTIVE IN GIRL SCOUTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 37 YEARS, BYRON; THEIR 12 CHILDREN, 28 GRANDCHILDREN AND 19 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THEN FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR HELEN ALTHOFF WIATER, A LONGTIME TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND THEN TO ROLLING HILLS. SHE WAS A TIRELESS VOLUNTEER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN PEDRO, THE ST. MARY MEDICAL GUILD, THE RIGHT TO LIFE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. VERY ACTIVE IN THE JACK KRAMER TENNIS CLUB. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, LONGTIME FRIEND AND FORMER MAYOR THE CITY OF NORWALK, JUDITH BRENNAN; TWO SONS AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND 10 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE



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REMEMBERED AS A KIND AND CARING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WE THANK YOU FOR THOSE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WE NOW TURN TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR JAMES BUCHANAN, HE WAS THE 1986 NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT ON ECONOMICS. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HE HAD BEEN PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY. ALSO FORMERLY TAUGHT AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN. SARAH ALARID. SHE WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED AT THE AGE OF -- PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 19 ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND ATTENDED ONE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS. AND SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER PARENTS AND FAMILY. EDWARD KALUNIAN, FATHER OF OUR RETIRED CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, BOB KALUNIAN, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS A DECORATED WORLD WAR II HERO. HE SERVED WITH THE 104TH TIMBERWOLVES INFANTRY AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, ROBERT AND JEFFREY; AND HIS BROTHER, ALFRED.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ALL MEMBERS.



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: ALL MEMBERS. CHARLES FREDERICK HATHAWAY. FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. ATHLETIC CLUB PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HE WAS A SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS UNDER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN. SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY, THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, THE SKID ROW GARDEN CLUB. AND HE WAS A WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN. JOSEPH FRACASSE, JR., HE WAS THE PUBLISHER OF THE "GLENDORAN" MAGAZINE WHICH WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE GLENDORA CITY COUNCIL IN OCTOBER MARKING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY. A MEMBER OF THE FINKBINER PARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM, INVOLVED WITH THE CRIME STOPPERS TO GLENDORA AND MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB. PASTOR EMORY LEE BOTHAST. HE SERVED AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT WESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AS WELL AS CHURCHES THROUGHOUT NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MASSACHUSETTS AND IN PASADENA. HE WAS A CERTIFIED LIFE UNDERWRITER. SIDNEY ALBERT. HE WAS RETIRED PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. ROSE MEKETARIAN SIMONIAN, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100 ON JANUARY 4. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, VIRGINIA AND BILL; AND SIBLINGS, MARGARET AND MICHAEL; AND GRANDMOTHER OF MARK BISIGIAN OF LANCASTER. WILLIAM MOUZIS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE BEGAN HIS BROADCASTING CAREER IN '47 WITH K.P.A.S. AND LATER



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AT K.H.J., CURRENTLY K.C.A.L. FOR 26 YEARS AS A PRODUCTION DIRECTOR AND ENGINEER SUPERVISOR. HE ALSO HAD WORKED FOR 710 K.M.P.C. AND A.B.C. HENRIETTA THOMAS, RETIRED MEDICAL CLERK FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MAURICE PERKINS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS A RETIRED LIEUTENANT. HE WAS-- WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. JACQUELINE HOLROYD PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. RETIRED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MICHAEL DOOLITTLE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71. HE WAS ALSO WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. ARLIE ELIZABETH PATTERSON HAHN, SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, WINNIFRED, ARLABETH, MARGARET, AND CHARLES. WILLIAM "BILL" ST. CLAIR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 58. HE WAS A RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE SON OF THE FORMER MAYOR OF PALMDALE CITY COUNCIL, ROBERT ST. CLAIR. MARK STANLEY OBERG, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER. AND WILLIAM HENRY TILLEY, CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. OF THE JACMAR COMPANIES AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF SHAKEY'S U.S.A. HE WAS A C.P.A. AND FOUNDER OF TILLEY AND ROTH. AND FRANK WAYLAND. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LANCASTER IN ACTON, AN EDUCATOR AND PRINCIPAL. AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS, PLEASE?



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SUP. MOLINA: I WISH TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE MAY SHUNG WONG KINGI, THE TREASURED BEST FRIEND OF MY FRIEND, IDA RAMOS. MAY RETIRED IN 2007 AFTER A DISTINGUISHED 40-YEAR CAREER WITH THE COUNTY WHICH INCLUDED SERVICE WITH THE BUREAU OF RESOURCE COLLECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, THE OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR AFFAIRS AND FINALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. AFTER RETIREMENT, MAY CONTINUED HER SERVICE AS A CONSULTANT, UTILIZING HER EXPERTISE TO CONDUCT VITAL TRAINING SESSIONS. MAY KINGI WAS TRULY BELOVED AND I'M PROUD TO HONOR HER MEMORY TODAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LINDA GARDENER. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILTERS OF LOS ANGELES. THE A.A.Q.L.A. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1986 TO HONOR THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILTS AND TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND TRADITION OF QUILTING. LINDA AND I WERE ACQUAINTED THROUGH OUR MUTUAL LOVE OF QUILTING AND HER PRESENCE AND PASSION FOR THE QUILTING COMMUNITY WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. I'M ATTENDING A QUILT SHOW NEXT WEEK, AND THAT'S WHERE WE ALWAYS USED TO GET TOGETHER AND SHARE STORIES. WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO LINDA'S FAMILY AND HER LEGIONS OF COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. I WISH TO ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOVITA SOTO HIGUERA, THE BELOVED GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF MY



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CONSTITUENT, ELOISE GONZALES. MS. HIGUERA WAS A RETIRED TEACHER AND WAS A LONG-STANDING AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY. HER GOOD WORKS TOUCHED MANY LIVES AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER ENTIRE FAMILY. I ALSO WISH TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALFONSO SILVAS, THE BELOVED FATHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, MERCI APODACA. HE LIVED HERE IN CALIFORNIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, HAD HIS FAMILY HERE AND THEN MOVED ON TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO MERCY AND HER FAMILY. I ALSO WISH TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LIFELONG CITY TERRACE RESIDENT RICHARD COBARRUBIAS, THE BELOVED UNCLE OF MY LONGTIME STAFF MEMBER VERONICA COBLA. WE ARE KEEPING VERONICA AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR HER AND HER FAMILY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MAY I ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT WILLIAM G. PEREZ. SERGEANT PEREZ WAS BORN ON JANUARY 23, 1931 AND PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 23, 2012 AT THE AGE OF 81. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1948 TO 1952 AND RETIRED AS SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE. SERGEANT PEREZ WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SERGEANT PEREZ IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELVIRA; SONS, MICHAEL, ALSO A RETIRED L.A.P.D. COMMANDER; AND JOHN; DAUGHTER,



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CHRISTINE; AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY ALL. THAT CONCLUDES THE ADJOURNING MOTION THAT I HAVE FOR TODAY. ALL RIGHT. NO OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE US OTHER THAN THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT. BOBBY COOPER, RAJ KAHLON, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, GEORGE EDWARDZ, TERRY REED, ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, KAREN FEINBERG, TERRY JACKSON, SHEILAH WARD, HECTOR DILAUDO, DENISE PAZ, TERRY SIGMUND, JOHN WALSH, AND THOSE ARE THE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. PLEASE PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE ARE WELL EXTENDED IN TERMS OF OUR TIME AT THIS POINT. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, WE'RE GOING ASK THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS HAVE ONE MOMENT TO SPEAK. THANK YOU. ONE MINUTE. THANK YOU. ONE MINUTE, PLEASE.

ANTONIA RAMIREZ: ONE MINUTE? I THOUGHT IT WAS THREE MINUTES.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: IT'S AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR AND THAT'S WHY IT'S ONE MINUTE. ORDINARILY IT WOULD BE THREE. ALL RIGHT.

ANTONIA RAMIREZ: ENFORCE THE AMERICAN RULE OF LAW. DEPORT, DEPORT, DEPORT. NO ASYLUM. NO AMNESTY. NO WHOLE MODIFICATION PROTECTION TO FORECLOSURE AND NO FORECLOSURE PROTECTION TO ANY AND ALL CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS AND FELONS AND CRIMINAL GANG BANGERS. HAVING SAID THAT, I WOULD LOVE TO THANK ANNA, SHERIFF



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SERGEANT ANNA DENISE H. BRIDGE WHO WAS ACCOMMODATING, POLITE, JOVIAL AND VERY INFORMATIVE. WHAT A CHANGE FOR CRYING OUT LOUD. THANK YOU TO THIS LOVELY SERGEANT, FEMALE SERGEANT, THAT IS. AND ALSO TO THE LOVELY, WONDERFUL MILITARY VETERANS AND SPOUSES THAT I MET HERE AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE ALSO OF MUTUAL MINDS OR MEETING OF THE MINDS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THESE TWO WONDERFUL COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS, DON KNABE AND COUNTY BOARD MICHAEL ANTONOVICH. THEY ARE MILITARY VETERANS. AND AGAIN DON KNABE, PLEASE DON'T BE ASHAMED THAT YOUR SON IS A LOBBYIST. BE PROUD. THANK YOU.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. BOBBY?

BOBBY COOPER: YES, I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I HAVE HEART FAILURE WALKING THE STREETS. I'VE BEEN OUT FOR SIX MONTHS. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP ANYWHERE. I HAVE TO WORK ON PAPERWORK TO TRY TO GET IN TO COURT WHEN THE SYSTEM IS ALL MANIPULATED DOWNTOWN. THEY'RE ALWAYS REMOVING DOCUMENTS, MANIPULATING PAPERWORK. I NEED HOUSING. I'VE BEEN UP HERE A NUMBER OF TIMES. I LIVED IN AN RAMPART AREA WHERE THEY HAVE STOLEN, WHAT? 2,900,000 WORTH OF INSURANCE POLICIES FROM ME. NOW THEY'RE LAUNDERING THROUGH MY BANK ACCOUNTS AND WON'T LET ME IN. THEY'RE BLOCKING PRIVATE SAVINGS AND BUSINESS ACCOUNTS. I'VE BEEN EVICTED FROM MY BUSINESS. AND THE CITY OF LOS



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ANGELES IS SAYING THAT THEY'RE SECONDARY OWNERS OF MY BUSINESS WITH EMPOWERMENT. PLEASE MAKE SURE I GET HOUSING TONIGHT. AT LEAST ONCE, ONE NIGHT SLEEP IN A BED. THANK YOU. AND YOU HAVE A BLESSED DAY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SAME TO YOU, SIR.

TERRY JACKSON: MY NAME IS TERRY JACKSON. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AS EXECUTIVE SENATOR. AS OF NOW WE ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE THE SEVENTH MONTH OF CONTINUATION OF PROBLEMS WITH G.R. FIRST MONTH I WAS ON DISABLED AND NEXT TWO MONTHS I WAS ON MENTAL DISABLED ABILITY. WE'LL COLLECT A.G.S. AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER AS A GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO BAIL IT OUT. AS OF NOW YOU HAVE ME ATTENDING GROWTH PROGRAMS. I WENT BEING MENTAL TO DISABLED NOW FULLY CAPABLE OF WORKING AND NOT SEEING ANY KIND OF DOCTOR OR PSYCHIATRIST OVER THE LAST 85 DAYS, 185 DAYS. SO THEREFORE AS A SENATOR, WE ARE GOING TO HOLD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANY FEDERAL MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD BE FROZEN AS OF DAY YOUR BILL IS \$1 MILLION SINCE DECEMBER 31ST, AND TOMORROW IT GO TO \$2 MILLION PER DAY WITHOUT RECEIVING THE CASH BENEFITS THAT WERE OFFERED TO ME IN JUNE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: SIR, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS



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EXPIRED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, AND THEN
FINALLY YOU, SIR.

TERRY SIGMUND: I'M TERRY SIGMUND. I ANTICIPATED THREE MINUTES
SO WHAT I WROTE WON'T WORK. BUT I DID WANT TO SAY YOU SHOULD
HAVE A WHITE CHAIR BECAUSE WITH THE DARK BEHIND YOU AND THE
DARK UNDER CHAIR, IT'S HARD TO SEE YOU UP THERE. YOU SHOULD
ALL HAVE WHITE CHAIRS. THE THING IS I'M JUST LOOKING AT THIS
ARTICLE FROM THE L.A. TIMES THAT WAS HANDED TO ME THAT THE
ANDREA ALARCON THAT WAS REPORTEDLY LEAVING HER 11 YEAR OLD
DAUGHTER UNATTENDED AT CITY HALL AND ALSO ENDANGERED HER CHILD
PREVIOUSLY WITH A DRINK AND DRIVING D.U.I.? AND APPARENTLY
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN RICHARD
ELKERSON AND SHE HAS NO PROBLEM HAVING HER CHILDREN, BUT ME? I
WAS GIVEN 100 FALSE ALLEGATIONS, PROVED THEM IN COURT AND THE
ONE THAT HAD ABOUT SUPERVISION TO DO WAS BASED ON MY
NEIGHBOR'S SUSPICION, NOT THAT THEY KNEW. BUT SPECULATION THAT
I LEAVE MY CHILDREN. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIFFERENT
STANDARD.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
TESTIMONY, MA'AM. FINAL SPEAKER. SIR?

HECTOR DILAUDO: EVENING, MY NAME IS HECTOR DILAUDO. AND THE
REASON WHY I CAME HERE IS TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THE



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SALE ON MY PROPERTY. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYBODY TO COMMENT ON IT AND IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO AVAILABILITY TO GET HELP. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THAT I CAN DO, I WOULD BE AT THE MERCY OF THE -- SALESPEOPLE. AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP MY PROPERTY FOR QUITE A WHILE. AND THE SECOND -- TRIED TO FILE FORECLOSURE AND THEY TOOK OVER THE FIRST NOW THE FIRST FILED FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AND TRIED THE SALE. SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S GAME OF THE BANK CONSTANTLY.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

HECTOR DILAUDO: I WANT TO HAVE A SOLUTION. I WANT TO SEE WHO CAN HELP ME MOVE THE SALE DATE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT I HAVE ON THE CONSUMERS AFFAIRS I PUT MY HOME FOR SALE.

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: WHICH DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE IN, SIR? WHICH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT?

HECTOR DILAUDO: JANUARY 22ND AND THEY FILE --

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: I'LL HAVE SOMEONE COME SEE YOU IN A MOMENT HAVE I'LL HAVE SOMEONE COME SEE YOU IN JUST A MOMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT



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SECTION OF OUR MEETING TODAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF FIRMS TO RECRUIT FOR THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2013, AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013.



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